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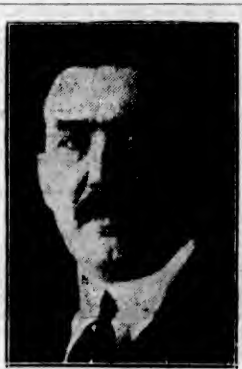
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Diphtheria was practically nil. Only one case originated in the city, while there were four other cases contracted outside and brought into the city.

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SCIACCA, Sicily, Dec. 29.—The French dirigible Dixmude was wrecked early in the morning of December 22, off the coast of Sicily, near Cape St. Mark. This is the conclusion reached by experts of the Italian navy, who are now engaged in searching for the bodies of those who perished when the Dixmude fell into the sea. Besides finding the body of the commander of the Dixmude, the Sicilian fishermen have netted wiring which is supposed to be the wreckage of the dirigible.

The heaviest gale in many years is raging in the Mediterranean, and some of the French warships which were offshore this morning hurriedly put out to sea.

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TOTAL OF 224 ORIENTAL PERMITS AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR
Large Decrease Is Shown in Number of Japanese Authorized to Fish During Past Season

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—The Department of Fisheries in Vancouver has received information from Ottawa that a further reduction of ten per cent in the number of salmon trolling licences issuable to Orientals for the season 1924 has been made. Last year a reduction of ten per cent was made. A decision regarding further reductions, if any, will not be reached by the department until the committee of the House on Marine and Fisheries meets in Ottawa.

In allotting those licences available to Orientals in 1924, preference will be given to those having licences during the present season. Major J. A. Motherwell announced today. The records of the Department of Fisheries showed, he stated, that 1,208 fewer licences were issued to Orientals for salmon gill net fishing, which is one of the main branches of all the fishing pursued by the Orientals in 1923, was 1,949. In 1922 the forty per cent reduction came into effect, bringing the number issued down to 1,193.

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AGREEMENT WITH C. P. R. ENDORSED BY BIG MAJORITY



MR. FRANK HODGSON, M.P.
British labor leader, who toured Canada last summer, whose resignation as secretary of the Miners' Federation has been accepted. "A quiet reward," was his remark upon the subject. He was re-elected to Parliament at the recent elections.

Man Merely First Cousin to Apes Savant Asserts

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Man, although the product of evolution, did not descend directly from the ape of today and had his origin in Europe instead of in Asia, as generally is believed, Dr. Alva Hrdlicka, of the National Museum, Washington, D. C., a leading anthropologist, declared before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in convention here today.

The relationship of the extinct ape to man probably is that of a "cousin," Dr. Hrdlicka said, the two having sprung from branches of the same family hundreds of thousands of years ago.

While some sort of anthropoid or man-like ape probably was the precursor of the present human race, Dr. Hrdlicka said, "The distance between the lowest form of man and the highest form of ape, however, is too great even to be passed by mutation," he declared.

ALLEGED KILLING OF CRIPPLED GIRL

Driver of Motor Jailed at Seattle, and Man Charged with Murder Likely to Result

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Ole Knutson, 25, a fisherman, was arrested here today as the driver of the car which struck and mortally wounded Miss Irene S. Branchaw, a crippled girl, on Sunday. Miss Branchaw died Christmas Day. A description of the car given to the police by a grocer in front of whom the accident occurred, resulted in Knutson's arrest, according to the authorities.

At the jail, Charles Jensen identified the machine as the one which he and Clifford Brown had seen strike the girl as she walked along on her crutches, according to the police. The crutches clattered across the pavement and the body of the girl caught on the fender and was dragged a hundred feet before she fell to the pavement, Jensen stated. Then, the eye witnesses declared, the driver "gave the car more gas" and sped off. Knutson was held on an open charge. The police stated that a charge of manslaughter would probably be lodged.

Fifty-Four Hours Per Week

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Fifty-four hours a week for the next year is the minimum working period set for all state officials and employees in a governmental decree just issued.

REPORTED FINDS SEEM INCREDIBLE

Holiday Story by Radiogram Comes Out of the North Concerning Worth and Extent of Gold and Silver Discovery Made in Beaver District—Assays Alleged to Show 1,100 Ounces Silver per Ton and Big Stampede Ensues

DANBURY, Dec. 27.—A radiogram special from Mayo to The Dawson News says: "Almost incredible reports of value and extent of silver and gold discovery in Beaver district, 50 miles west of Keno Hill, have started big stampede from Keno City and Mayo City. Assays obtained ran 1,100 ounces of silver to the ton. Keno City practically deserted and

Ratepayers Approve Important Measure by Over Eight to One—Almost Thousand Votes More Than Three-Fifths Required to Pass By-Law Are Secured During Day's Polling

TOTAL POLL CLOSE TO RECORD FIGURE

Crystal Garden to Be Erected at Cost of Not Less Than \$200,000—Great Step Toward Lasting Prosperity, Declares Chamber of Commerce Head—Citizens Are Jubilant

By a majority of over eight to one the ratepayers of Victoria yesterday approved the Amusement Centre by-law. The result of the poll was: For, 2,909; against, 352; rejected, 14.

Three-fifths of the votes cast had to be in favor of the by-law to pass it, and when the final figures were tallied it was discovered that nearly a thousand more votes than necessary had been obtained.

It was confidently expected that the measure would receive the approval of the ratepayers, but the size of the majority was a source of jubilation surprise to the men who were most active in campaigning for the by-law.

The total vote cast yesterday was within 152 of the largest ever polled for any money by-law, the Johnson Street Bridge by-law, holding the record with a total of 3,427. The City Council will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon to give final passage to the by-law. The approval of the agreement contained therein by the citizens means that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will construct the Crystal Garden on the property known as the Stadium site behind the Empress Hotel at a cost not less than \$200,000. The Amusement Centre, it is anticipated, will be open for use by the Spring of 1925.

Get Out Voters
Throughout yesterday local business men were hard at work getting out voters to the polls, which were in the premises located at the northwest corner of Government and Johnson streets. About a hundred cars were employed. Prominent citizens, convinced that the building of the Amusement Centre would be a tremendous boon to the city, were active on behalf of the by-law. Mayor Reginald Hayward worked in with the others and did his part.

It was noted that most of the rejected ballots yesterday resulted from the voters writing "yes" or "no" on the ballot paper instead of marking it with a cross, although the directions were printed in the polling booths. The voting, which was under the supervision of Returning Officer William Seaworth, assisted by Deputy Returning Officer E. P. Kay, was carried out without any untoward incident. The counting of the ballots was completed by eight o'clock.

Long Years of Endeavor

The passage of the by-law is the culmination of long years of effort in the direction of the establishment of an Amusement Centre here. Committees of the old Board of Trade and its successor, the Chamber of Commerce, have worked on the matter and the endorsing of the compact with the C.P.R. to provide Victoria with what it has been generally admitted to be one of the city's greatest needs was a pleasurable event indeed to the members of the Chamber.

"The voters of Victoria are to be congratulated on the result," said Major Cuthbert Holmes, chairman of the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee, last night after the vote was known. "They have recognized a good thing and made it theirs. No better day's work for Victoria has been done. On behalf of the Citizens' Committee I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard for the passage of the by-law. Their ready help has been of the greatest assistance."

"The newspapers' support has been invaluable. It is impossible to thank them too much. I wish to say a special word of thanks to the staffs of the Chamber of Commerce and the Campaign Committee for the first class way in which they have worked."

Turning Point

"I regret deeply that the late Mr. C. T. Crow, who worked assiduously as the chairman of the Amusement Centre Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, was not alive to witness the passage of this by-law."

"The result was expected, but nevertheless gratifying," said Mr. C. P. W. Schwabacher, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "It was a demonstration of the good sense of the electorate and a desire for better things. It undoubtedly marks the turning point into a new phase of Victoria's existence and is a great step forward toward a real and lasting prosperity."

"Splendid," declared Mr. Alfred Carmichael, a member of the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee. "We were certain Victorians would recognize the tremendous advantage the Crystal Garden will be to the city. Indeed, I doubt if even the most enthusiastic member of the

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Experts Conclude Disaster Happened in Early Morning of December 22 Six Miles Off Coast of Sicily

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PARIS, Dec. 29.—The naval attaches of the United States, Great Britain and Spain, and several of the South American countries and the Belgian military attaché called today at the Ministry of Marine and presented the sympathy of their governments over the Dixmude disaster.

SCIACCA, Sicily, Dec. 29.—The French dirigible Dixmude was wrecked early in the morning of December 22, six miles off the coast of Sicily, near Capo St. Mark. This is the conclusion reached by experts of the Italian navy, who are now engaged in searching for the bodies of those who perished when the Dixmude fell into the sea. Besides finding the body of the commander of the Dixmude, the Sciacca fishermen have netted wiring which is supposed to be part of the radio apparatus of the dirigible.

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TROLLING LICENCES FURTHER REDUCED

TOTAL OF 224 ORIENTAL PERMITS AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR
Large Decrease Is Shown in Number of Japanese Authorized to Fish During Past Season

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—The Department of Fisheries in Vancouver has received information from Ottawa that the further reduction of ten per cent in the number of salmon trolling licences issuable to Orientals for the season 1924 has been made.

The year's reduction of twenty-five per cent was made. A decision regarding further reductions, if any, will not be reached by the department until the standing committee of the House on Marine and Fisheries meets in Ottawa.

In allotting those licences available to the Japanese in 1924, preference will be given to those having licences during the present season, Major J. A. Motherwell announced today.

The records of the department of Fisheries showed, he stated, that 1,208 fewer licences were issued to Japanese fishermen during this year than during 1922.

The number of licences issued to Orientals for salmon fishery, which is one of the main branches of the industry, was 1,345 in 1923, the forty per cent reduction came into effect, bringing the number issued down to 808.

Last year 332 licences were issued to Orientals for salmon fishing, while in 1923, with a twenty-five per cent reduction in force, only 249 were issued. The additional ten per cent reduction announced means that only 224 Oriental salmon trolling licences will be issued in 1924.

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AGREEMENT WITH C. P. R. ENDORSED BY BIG MAJORITY



MR. FRANK HODGSON, M.P.
British labor leader, who toured Canada last summer, whose resignation as secretary of the British Federation has been accepted. "A queer reward," was his remark upon the subject. He was elected to Parliament at the recent election.

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Enormous Damage Done

PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 23.—Several persons are reported to have been killed by an explosion of a powder magazine at Mondello, near here. Enormous damage resulted.

Reported Finds Seem Incredible

Holiday Story by Radiogram Comes Out of the North Concerning Worth and Extent of Gold and Silver Discovery Made in Beaver District—Assays Alleged to Show 1,100 Ounces Silver per Ton and Big Stampede Enues

DAWSON, Dec. 27.—A radiogram news from Mayo to the Dawson special says: "Almost incredible reports of values and extent of silver and gold discovery in Beaver district, 50 miles west of Keno Hill, have started big stampede from Keno City and Mayo City. Assays obtained ran 1,100 ounces of silver to the ton. Keno City practically deserted and others preparing to go from other parts. Beaver strike is at head of Beaver River. Natural outlet is said to be through low divide to Klondike River Valley and thence down Klondike to Dawson."

The largest bodies of galena in the North have been found there during last two summers but up to present were only low grade values averaging eighteen dollars a ton.

Ratepayers Approve Important Measure by Over Eight to One—Almost Thousand Votes More Than Three-Fifths Required to Pass By-Law Are Secured During Day's Polling

TOTAL POLL CLOSE TO RECORD FIGURE

Crystal Garden to Be Erected at Cost of Not Less Than \$200,000—Great Step Toward Lasting Prosperity, Declares Chamber of Commerce Head—Citizens Are Jubilant

By a majority of over eight to one the ratepayers of Victoria yesterday approved the Amusement Centre by-law. The result of the poll was: For, 2,909; against, 352; rejected, 14.

Three-fifths of the votes cast had to be in favor of the by-law to pass it, and when the final figures were tallied it was discovered that nearly a thousand more votes than necessary had been obtained.

It was confidently expected that the measure would receive the approval of the ratepayers, but the size of the majority was a source of jubilant surprise to the men who were most active in campaigning for the by-law.

The total vote cast yesterday was within 133 of the largest ever polled for any money by-law, the Johnson Street Bridge by-law holding the record with a total of 3,437.

The City Council will meet at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon to give final passage to the by-law. The approval of the agreement contained therein by the citizens means that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will construct the Crystal Garden on the property known as the Stadium site behind the Empress Hotel at a cost not less than \$200,000. The Amusement Centre, it is anticipated, will be open for use by the Spring of 1925.

Throughout yesterday local business men were hard at work getting one voters to the polls, which were in the premises located at the northwest corner of Government and Johnson Streets. About a hundred cars were employed. Prominent citizens convinced that the building of the Amusement Centre would be a tremendous boon to the city, were active on behalf of the by-law. Mayor Reginald Hayward turned in with the others and did his part.

It was noted that most of the rejected ballots yesterday resulted from the voters writing "yes" or "no" on the ballot paper instead of marking it with a cross, although the directions were printed in the polling booths. The voting, which was under the supervision of Returning Officer William Scowcroft, assisted by Deputy Returning Officer E. P. Kay, was carried out without any untoward incident. The counting of the ballots was completed by eight o'clock.

Long Years of Endeavor
The passage of the by-law is the culmination of long years of effort in the direction of the establishment of an Amusement Centre here. Committees of the old Board of Trade and its successor, the Chamber of Commerce, have worked on the matter, and the endorsing of the compact with what it has been generally admitted to be one of the city's greatest needs was a pleasurable event indeed to the members of the Chamber.

"The voters of Victoria are to be congratulated on the result," said Major Cuthbert Holmes, chairman of the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee, last night after the vote was known. "They have recognized a good thing and made it theirs. No better day's work for Victoria has been done. On behalf of the Citizens' Committee I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard for the passage of the by-law. Their ready help has been of the greatest assistance."

"The newspapers' support has been invaluable. It is impossible to thank them too much. I wish to say a special word of thanks to the staffs of the Chamber of Commerce and the Campaign Committee for the first class way in which they have worked."

Turning Point
"I regret deeply that the late Mr. C. T. Cross, who worked assiduously as the chairman of the Amusement Centre Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, was not alive to witness the passage of this by-law."

"The result was expected, but nevertheless gratifying," said Mr. C. P. W. Schwenners, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "It was a demonstration of the good sense of the electorate and a desire for better things. It undoubtedly marks the turning point into a new phase of Victoria's existence and is a great step forward toward a real and lasting prosperity."

"Splendid," declared Mr. Alfred Carmichael, a member of the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee. "We were certain Victoria would recognize the tremendous advantage the Crystal Garden will be to the city. Indeed, I doubt if even the most enthusiastic member of the city."

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Know Nothing About It

NELSON, Dec. 29.—When his attention was drawn to a report that his daughter Irene had gone to Vancouver for the purpose of marrying Yip Ren, former restaurant proprietor, here, F. E. Blakeman denied all knowledge of the case today.

LABOR CABINET'S LAW OFFICERS

Lord Haldane's Health May Prevent His Occupancy of Woolsack, Although He Is Favored for Position

HANDSOME SALARIES BUT NOT MUCH TALENT VISIBLE

Appointments of Legal Heads Will Be Ramsay Macdonald's Principal Difficulty on Assuming Office

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In legal circles, there is considerable speculation as to what Ramsay Macdonald is likely to do in the matter of law officers and their appointments when he becomes Premier. The Lord Chancellor draws £10,000 a year, which has to satisfy all his requirements. If he retires he draws a pension of £5,000 a year. Lord Birkenhead, who was the Lord Chancellor in the Coalition Government under Lloyd George, has stated that he is now sacrificing £30,000 yearly by observing the rule under which a former Lord Chancellor does not return to the ordinary practice of his profession.

A Woolsack Possibility
Lord Haldane, although he has been elated by political prospects for the Lord Chancellorship under the prospective Labor government, might very possibly lay to rest the woolsack because his health has been poor for some time.

Sir John Sankey, a judge of the King's Bench division, may possibly be approached with a view to his appointment to the Lord Chancellorship. He has shown considerable sympathy toward the aspirations of the Labor party and is regarded by the party as a loyal adherent to its policy of nationalization since his presidency over the commission of inquiry into the coal situation four years ago.

New Attorney-General
Patrick Hastings, K.C., a noted counsel, will probably become Attorney-General in the Labor government, and if so, would draw £10,000 and also fees which would amount to another £15,000.

Who will be the next Solicitor-General and draw £6,000 and fees amounting to another £6,000 more is quite a problem, and one which has been prominently mentioned for the office.

Ramsay Macdonald will find the appointment of the law officers a most vulnerable point in his case when he becomes the head of the government.

There are members of both the older parties who long have been sarcastic over what they consider the excessive emoluments paid law officers of the crown.

BLAMES U. S. FOR EUROPE'S CONDITION

French Deputy Refers to War Debts and the Proposed Bonus to American Soldiers

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The United States was held chiefly responsible for the present conditions in Europe by Deputy Paul Raynaud, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies during the regular Friday interpellations on the Government's foreign policy.

M. Raynaud, referring to the inter-allied debts and their effect upon Europe, said: "America weighs up on England's shoulders. England weighs ours, and we are a burden to the Germans. This is a strangely impressive pyramid."

"America will never relieve us of paying off what we owe her. The American elections are coming next year with the candidates pledged to ex-combatants' indemnities representing a capital of \$20,000,000,000, and it is we who are to pay for this."

He cautioned the Chamber against the delusion of an international loan as the basis of a general agreement.

JOHN PATRICK SMITH SUES FOR DAMAGES

"Doc," of Mounted Police Narcotics Squad, Seeks Recompense for Alleged Slander

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—Damages for slander are claimed by John Patrick Smith, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, by Rev. Clem Davies, of Victoria, B.C., in a writ issued out of the supreme court registry here by Messrs. Reid, Wallbridge, Douglas & Gibson. The remarks, about which Doc Smith complains, it is alleged, on December 9, at a meeting in Victoria called to consider narcotic drug matters, and the inquiry conducted by Mr. J. P. Smith, K.C.

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DETERMINING WHAT THE GERMANS SHALL PAY
—From The Birmingham News.

Twenty-Six Seek President's Chairs In Nicaragua

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 29.—Advices received here from Managua, the various political organizations of Nicaragua, including the Liberals and Conservatives, have named twenty-six candidates for the presidency of the republic. The advices add that feeling is running high and great excitement prevails among people of Nicaragua.

EXPERTS INVENT POWERFUL GUN

American Artillerists Develop Weapon Firing 1,560-Pound Projectile Twenty-Three Miles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Army ordnance experts have developed what they believe to be the heaviest and most powerful gun of its type in the world.

The new weapon is of the 14-inch 50-calibre type, and is post-war development. It is capable of hurling an armor-piercing projectile of 1,560 pounds for a distance of 23 miles, and can be mounted on wheeled carriages and drawn along railroad tracks.

An electrical apparatus is provided to lower the gun into position for passage through railroad tunnels and elevating it to firing position. The total weight of gun and carriage is 700,000 pounds.

From Tracks or Emplacement

One feature of the monster weapon is that it can be fired either from its carriage on tracks, or when rolled to a concrete emplacement. For this purpose wheeled supports are provided, which can be removed within thirty minutes.

Because of the great weight of the gun, War Department officials believe some railroad bridges may not be sufficiently strong to carry it across, and department officials have opened communication with railroad companies in an effort to have stronger bridges built in the future.

FRENCH HOUSES ARE ADJOURNED

Premier Reads Decree Closing Sessions—Number of Deputies Reduced by Bill Approved

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Premier Poincaré last night read a decree of the Chamber of Deputies adjourning the parliamentary session. Both Houses will reconvene January 8.

The Chamber of Deputies had listened to caustic criticisms of his foreign policies from the leaders of the Radical party. He interrupted the speakers several times to deny assertions, but instead of making a detailed answer and demanding a vote of confidence, as was anticipated, he closed the debate by adjourning the session.

Deputies Reduced
The Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill reducing the number of deputies from 628 to 577. The reduction has special significance in view of the fact that the elections will be held next Spring.

The electoral law of 1919 provided for an increase in the deputies' salaries and a reduction of their number to 530.

Bank Account Is Started for St. John's Quadruplet Babies

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 29.—St. John's most noteworthy citizens, the quadruplet babies of Mr. and Mrs. Mahany, born on Christmas Day, are thriving nicely. The Evening Times-Star has opened a fund to establish a bank account in their name. Already there are several subscribers. The four little Mahany babies were not the first quadruplets born in Canada. St. John's recently has been forced to admit two other cases having been recorded in the last forty years.

Langlais' Election Confirmed by Court

QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—The election of Jules Langlais, Conservative member of the Provincial House of Representatives, has been sustained here by judgment rendered by Chief Justice Sir Francis Lemieux and Justice Malouin and Beaulieu. Annulment of the election was sought on the ground that Mr. Langlais was still recorder of Riviere du Loup at the time of the last general elections, and being not, therefore, eligible as a candidate.

FESTIVE BANDITS RUSH BUSINESS

ARMED ROBBERS CLEAN OUT BANK'S STRONG BOX

Capture Truck Load of Tobacco, and Believe Drug Company of Much Whisky

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—With crowds pressing about them, three automobile bandits forced a truck driver and his helper to abandon a \$26,000 cargo of tobacco belonging to Lorillard & Company, while it was being conveyed through the congested East Side.

One of the trio drove away the truck which was later found empty and abandoned. The truck driver and his companion were forced into the bandits' machine and taken far up town and "dumped."

In Wild West Style
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—In wild Western style, four armed robbers invaded the Summit State Bank of Summit, Ill., a suburb today, firing their revolvers as they entered and carried away between \$15,000 and \$18,000, virtually all of the currency in the bank, according to information received by the police. One person was reported wounded.

Whisky Loot Galore
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Six armed bandits entered the Illinois Wholesale Drug and Manufacturing Company plant today, bound and gagged a sixteen-year-old youth acting as watchman, and stole \$20,000 worth of whisky.

EARLY SETTLEMENT EXPECTED IN DISPUTE

Conference of Bishops in New York Issues Statement as to Illegitimate Essentials

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Hope for an early settlement of the controversy between the Modernists and Conservatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church was contained in an official statement issued after a conference of bishops of several States and prominent laymen, representing both factions. The conference marking the first formal step toward settlement of the controversy "fundamentals of faith," which was interrupted by the Christmas holidays, will be followed by others.

"The right solution of difficulties within the church will be found not by controversy but through conference," said the statement issued by George Zabriske, chancellor of the diocese of New York.

Among those who attended was Dr. Leighton Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's, who attracted attention several weeks ago by appearing in his pulpit without his vestments of priesthood and criticizing a pastoral letter issued by the house of bishops.

SOVIET DEPORTS MANY AS "UNDESIRABLES"

Groups Leave Moscow on Christmas to Assure Stability of New Economic Policy

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—Christmas evening saw another departure of a large group of "undesirables" from Moscow.

To refute rumors that the mass arrests marked liquidation of the new economic policy of the Soviets, an official statement, issued by the head of the political police, declares that nearly 600 arrests and deportations were made only in the cases of people accused of using the economic policy for their own ends. The statement says the government measures will not affect people paying their taxes and carrying on legal trade, thus assuring the stability of the new policy.

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Oil Concession Denied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—London dispatches reporting that the Persian government had given the Anglo-Persian Oil Company exclusive rights to exploit one of the five Northern Persian provinces have been denied by the Persian legation here. A concession for four of the five provinces, it was said, had been given to the British interests, while the fifth was reserved for purely Persian interests, in line with the policy of shaking off the influence of the Anglo-Russian monopoly.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—E. J. Stuart, of Seattle, has been re-elected president of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition here for the annual meeting of the organization. All of the other officers were also re-elected. Reginald H. Parsons, of Seattle, was elected a director, succeeding the late C. L. Hawley who died recently. Plans for the 1924 exposition to be held here next November were discussed at the meeting.

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DENIES COMPACT WITH THE PREMIER

"We've Been Political Enemies for Thirty Years," Says the Opposition Leader to Third Party Allegations

EMPHATIC assertion that he welcomed the coming investigation into the charges hurled by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and the allegations in the Searchlight, the official organ of the new Provincial party, was made by Mr. W. J. Bowser, Conservative leader, at a largely attended meeting held at Sidney on Friday night. In a fighting speech Mr. Bowser declared that if, as charged, he had received \$50,000 from the P.G.E. interests, he should be in a penitentiary.

"Those gentlemen with certain political aspirations are not going to walk over my dead body," he declared. "I have had twenty years of experience in the public life of this Province and my back is against the wall. If I am guilty of the charges I have no right to be in public life. I hope that commission will be appointed soon. I want General McKee and the Provincial party to put their witnesses on the stand when he will perjure himself if he says I got a single dollar from the Foley, Welch & Stewart interests."

"I have nothing to fear from an investigation. I am only too glad to have an opportunity to meet my traducers face to face," continued Mr. Bowser, who also dealt with the P.G.E. Railway situation from its inception to show that the Searchlight efforts to make it appear that he and Premier Oliver have been in association to stifle the real facts being brought out was as absurd as it was malicious and untrue. He had been a member of the McBride government when the railway project was undertaken and he had never turned his back upon anything that administration had done in that matter. Sir Richard, he declared, was one of the greatest men ever produced by British Columbia—a man with vision. He had guaranteed the P.G.E. to enable it to compete with the C.P.R. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had adopted a similar course in respect of the C.N.R. The arrangement with Premier Oliver had been in the interest of the people of British Columbia, who did not return a single Liberal.

Going into further details of the late government's efforts to keep construction on the road under way in 1913 when the financial slump took place, Mr. Bowser declared that he became Premier the government voted to advance an additional \$100,000 to Foley, Welch & Stewart, getting, therefore, guarantees that the line would be completed by Prince George by 1919. But at the elections in that year the Liberals were victorious chiefly because of the manner in which they belittled his character.

Suddenly Shut Down

Then came the P.G.E. investigation in 1917 with the charges of campaign funds being paid over to himself and others by the railway contractors and the efforts then made to put him out of public life. Despite Liberal promises to complete the line they suddenly shut down work.

Action against the contractors was taken but not proceeded with and then it was that Premier Oliver, with ambitions to be a railway builder, decided to take over the road.

"He wanted to know," said Mr. Bowser, "whether I was going to take a strong stand as to releasing Foley, Welch & Stewart from their obligations. I took the attitude that the people had elected Mr. Brewster to carry on the country's affairs, and that in view of the situation and need of finishing the road I would take neither an active nor passive stand in the Legislature. I put that in writing in a private and confidential letter which Mr. Brewster kept in violation to the day of his death. But Premier Oliver, digging into a dead man's effects, made it public and now along comes General McKee, who wore the King's uniform, and he is going about seeking to make it appear that that letter was written to Premier Oliver and that it is evidence that I and the Premier were actually working together."

"There was nothing in that letter," said Mr. Bowser reading it, to warrant any such conclusion. "Oliver and I have been inveterate political enemies for thirty years and we will be until we reach our last resting place. Did I know when I wrote the letter that Mr. Brewster would be called away and Mr. Oliver succeed him; that this present Government would enter into an iniquitous contract with the Northern Construction Company?"

To further prove his point that the McKee charge of an understanding between himself and Premier Oliver was false, Mr. Bowser quoted at length from the official records of the Legislature to show that ever since the Conservative party has been in opposition—seven years—it had consistently and persistently sought to secure the fullest investigation into the affairs of the railway, into the settlement with the Foley, Welch & Stewart interests wherever they were allowed to forego their contract for a mere nominal sum, and he charged, materials which should have

come to the Province were removed by the contractors. Year after year efforts were made to force the Government to give consideration of the contract with the Northern Construction Company. In every case he had voted with the whole Conservative opposition for the fullest investigation, to the light, but in every case the Government by its brute majority defeated those efforts on vote or the Premier choked off those efforts by points of order.

Like a Secret Deal?

"Does that look as if I were standing behind any secret deal between the Premier and myself?" declared Mr. Bowser with emphasis and amid applause, as he recalled that at the session of the Legislature just ended, on the final sitting, two resolutions in the names of Conservative members were on the order paper, one by Mr. Hinchliffe demanding a full investigation into P.G.E. matters; the other, by Mr. W. K. Belling, asking for return of correspondence between the Premier and officials of the Department of Railways, resolutions which had been on the order paper for some time, and which, under prerogative of the Government's position, could be side-stepped on any day to proceed with other business.

Taying a tribute to Mr. Belling's efforts to get at the facts, Mr. Bowser declared, he was behind his Roseland colleague's every effort. Last year Mr. Belling made a distinct charge against the Premier of incompetence. "And where was Oliver's so-called twin? Right behind the Roseland member's efforts to bring out the facts. Where did this 'Searchlight' get its facts? It got them from the honest men in the Conservative party who are trying to do their duty to this Province in getting to the bottom of it and exposing what may be carried on. This year, Mr. Bowser stated, when the House was on its dying day and was to prorogue, Mr. Speaker told us that the House was waiting for the Hon. Mr. Oliver to come in and be entitled to come into the Chamber when the public business is completed. I addressed Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, Mr. Hinchliffe, and for the first time in twenty years, Mr. Speaker turned his back on me. I want the people of this Province to know that the efforts which are their own. The Conservative party in opposition has done its utmost to have the fullest inquiry into all matters affecting public life. We have been persistently blocked in our efforts and no one is more responsible therefore than Premier John Oliver. Talk about a pact between us is ridiculous."

Deprecates Third Party

Mr. Bowser deprecated any third party movement in the Province, holding that while abnormal conditions, such as have been experienced in this Province, may have favored such movement, yet the results as seen in the Federal arena and in various provinces, has shown that there is no place for a third party and that where it has existed government has been ineffective, no permanent programme of policy has been possible, and the public interest has suffered. In Ontario, Manitoba and other provinces the trend of public opinion is becoming more and more against such movements as the election results showed. The people need a government imbued with continuity of purpose, solidarity in policy, and a majority to carry it into effect. Mr. Bowser warned his hearers against the promises being made by the so-called party of purity under the leadership of General A. D. McMillan, declaring that there has never been a time in the history of British Columbia when it more needed a strong government with experienced public men. The new party, he held, could only hope to get enough members in the House to hold a balance of power; that meant chaos and unstable administration.

Coming down to details of the administration by the present Liberal administration, Mr. Bowser told of its extravagance and cited certain public institutions to show it. He doubted if the people of the Province realized that in seven years the Government had received in revenues \$105,516,888 and had expended \$125,244,000, or a stupendous aggregate of outlays of \$158,000,000. In addition they owed the bank \$4,365,000 on a note which will be renewed. Public service salaries aggregated \$3,500,000, or about one-fourth of the revenues, while officials' traveling expenses ran about \$1,000 a day, and Liquor Board salaries were not included in that total. Mr. Falconer, of the Liquor Board, pulled down over \$5,000 in traveling expenses last year, and he got \$10 per day living expenses while traveling. "He's traveling all the time," said Mr. Bowser amid laughter and applause.

Extraneous Extravagance

Mr. Bowser pointed to the acute mental hospital at Gonzales where specifications called for mahogany doors inlaid with ebony; locks that could have been purchased in Canada were brought from England; duty on the doors was being manufactured, duly again, and then brought back in the doors and a third duty on the doors and a third duty on the structure and to other extravagant details. And sixty-five per cent of the inmates were Orientals or aliens. The Fort George Court House, the Boys' Industrial Home, both old hotels, were bought by secret purchase and thousands squandered on their rehabilitation and furnishings. The Prince Rupert Court House was another extravagant outlay.

The Opposition leader referred to the outlays made on Soldier Settlement areas where millions had been spent and few actual settlers secured; to the activities of the Department of Industries by which \$1,176,000 was loaned, and of the state industries aided, fifty are behind in payments of principle and thirty-four in interest to a total of \$257,000. Sixteen of those industries are absolutely closed. "That's the kind of economy this Government practices," declared Mr. Bowser, pointing to the fee of some \$25,000 paid to Mr. G. G. McGee, a former Liberal member, for his services as counsel in the freight rates case, while Mr. Isaac Pitblado, of Winnipeg, one of the foremost counsel of the Dominion, who represented Manitoba in the case, got \$2,450, of which \$197 were disbursements.

He cited the cost to the taxpayers of the Province of the recent elections though promises of road and other work. To return Hon. Dr. Sutherland in Revelstoke cost \$743,000 and Nelson, Mr. Kelowna, Campbell cost \$248,000, to build the Tumb Road.

"Buying the people with their own

money," asserted Mr. Bowser, who, in conclusion, declared the Conservative party stood for a policy of economy through reduction of over-head cost; reduction in taxation following therefrom, abolition of personal property tax, which the present Government had not the fairness or courage to do; prohibition of the export of timber in order to hold employment in British Columbia and keep the pay-roll and the young population at home; more production of foodstuffs through intelligent financial aid to the farmers through farm loans; more attention to adding the marketing of logging engineers, and keenly interested in adding to the marketing of logging engineers.

COURTENAY PIONEER PASSES TO HIS REST

Mr. John Cowie Carved Homestead From Island Wilderness Quarter Century Ago

COURTENAY, Dec. 29.—The death of Mr. John Cowie, at his farm on the Courtenay Road here, occurred on Thursday morning. He had been suffering for some time from cancer. He was 84 years of age, and was a native of Ontario, coming to Vancouver Island with his parents, who settled at Courtenay, B.C., in 1878. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the Courtenay Road. At the time of purchase it was all bush land. In this space of time Mr. Cowie transformed that portion of the bush into a well ordered farm. He was a charter member of the local Native Sons Lodge; was well known locally as an experienced logging engineer, and keenly interested in farmers' organizations.

To mourn his loss he leaves a widow, three sons, Gus, Robert and Ernest, and two daughters, Mrs. McQuillan and Miss E. Cowie. Mr. Cowie was one of that class of sturdy pioneers which is becoming scarcer in this district as time advances. A good citizen, with a large number of friends, his loss will be widely regretted. The funeral is to take place at the Presbyterian cemetery at Sandwick on Sunday at 2 p.m.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH—The remains of the late Mrs. Mabel Joseph will be laid to rest on Monday morning. The cortege will proceed from the Thompson Funeral Home, 1225 Quadra Street, at 8:45 o'clock and fifteen minutes later service will be held at the St. Joseph's Church, Esquimalt, when the Rev. Father John F. Silver will officiate.

KEAPPOCK—There passed away yesterday morning in this city Mrs. Maria Keappock, aged 73 years. She was born in Rathfriland, County Meath, Ireland, and had resided in Victoria for the past thirty years. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Hayes and Mrs. W. W. Burden, both in the city, and three sons, Joseph, in Seattle, Thomas, of Victoria, and Michael, in Vancouver. The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, whence the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay cemetery.

LIN—The funeral of the late Pong Lin, who died at Colwood on December 21, will take place from the B.C. Funeral Parlors this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Chinese cemetery.

AMBLER—Service over the remains of the late Miss Susie Ambler will be held at the B.C. Funeral Chapel on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay cemetery.

PAULINE—The funeral of the late Mr. John Albert Pauline took place yesterday afternoon at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Patt in the presence of many friends. The hymn sung was "On the Resurrection Morning." The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. Williams, D. Isbister, A. Stewart, H. W. Pauline, W. Richardson and C. F. Cardwell. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay cemetery.

EVANS—The funeral of the late Herbert George Evans was held on Saturday afternoon, the cortege leaving McCall Bros' Funeral Home and proceeding to St. Barnabas Anglican Church, where service was conducted by the rector, Rev. N. E. Smith, at 2:30 o'clock. A number of friends attended, and musical societies and organizations of the city were represented. The pallbearers were: Messrs. R. Hardie, representing "Creation" Chorus; A. Gore, the Ladies Musical Society; F. J. Bell, Arion Male Voice Club; G. W. Deaville, Centennial Methodist Church, and Dr. Lewis Hall and J. G. Brown. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay cemetery.

MUNK—The funeral of Mrs. May Quinton Munk, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital last Tuesday, took place yesterday afternoon, the cortege leaving the stands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock services were conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, by Rev. T. M. Hughes, of North Saanich, assisted by Rev. A. W. Collins, of Salt Spring Island. The service was largely attended by relatives and friends, and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the late Mrs. Munk was held. The hymn sung was "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Messrs. H. W. P. Pollak, A. McDonald, T. H. Simpson, H. Buckle, H. Barnes and H. Layriss acted as pallbearers, and interment was made in Patricia Bay cemetery.

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moral Road, of Henry Augustus Prior, aged 85 years; born in Surrey, England, and a resident of this city for the past twenty years. The deceased is survived by, besides his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, two sons, Messrs. William and Thomas Prior, of this city. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 2, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Bands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate and interment will be made at Ross Bay cemetery.

MR. MORGAN SUCCUMBS TO COLLISION WOUNDS
Former Provincial Mine Inspector Run Down on Nanaimo Street by Automobile

NANAIMO, Dec. 29.—Death occurred at the family residence, Nanaimo, today, of Thomas Morgan as a result of injuries received yesterday afternoon when he was knocked down by an automobile within a couple of hundred yards of his home. The deceased was 75 years of age and had lived here since 1869. In 1893 he was appointed Provincial mine inspector, from which position he retired with a pension in 1912. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place in Nanaimo on Monday. The driver of the car, which struck him was Mr. C. W. Emery.

DIES IN EAST

DUNCAN, Dec. 28.—Word has been received here by Mr. George Kier of the death of his brother, Mr. James Kier, in Detroit, Mich. The deceased in early days was a resident of Nanaimo, leaving here some twenty-five years ago.



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Patient Improves—Friends of Mr. H. Despard Twigg, who has been lying seriously ill at his residence on Champlain Street, will be pleased to learn that an improvement in his condition was shown yesterday.

Snow Plough Ready—The city has completed its snow plough to clear the streets should there be a fall sufficient to warrant its use. The plough is constructed to be attached to the front of a five-ton truck.

Entertains Old Men—Today at 3 p.m. at the Old Men's Home, the young people of the First Presbyterian Church will render Christmas music and songs. Rev. Dr. Wilson will give a short address, and Rev. T. Menzies will preside.

"Messiah" Solist—In reporting the performance of "The Messiah" given at Centennial Church on Friday evening, the name of the soprano soloist was incorrectly given. The various arias and recitatives were sung by Mrs. Edward Parsons, who aroused much favorable comment by her splendid rendition of them.

Motorcycle Found—The missing Excelsior motorcycle, owned by Mr. R. Symons, Bank Street, which was stolen on Christmas night from its parking place near St. Andrew's Cathedral, was discovered about four o'clock yesterday afternoon in the water near the Hall coal dock, foot of Yates Street. It was badly damaged and a new battery had been taken.

Sacred Recital—Christmas carols and anthems, given last Sunday evening at the First Congregational Church, will be included in the program (prepared for the sacred recital) to be given this evening. Mrs. A. W. Stokes (soprano), Miss Ethel Edwards (contralto) and Mr. N. H. Collins will be the soloists. Miss Winifred Howcroft will preside at the organ.

Detective Returns—Detective Marcus Phipps, of the Victoria police department, returned yesterday from Honolulu, where he escorted Luis Labor, a Filipino, arrested a few weeks ago in Victoria on information received from the Pacific Island that he was wanted for murder. Detective Phipps stated yesterday that when he arrived at Honolulu he discovered that five confederates of his prisoner had already been tried and convicted; two to be hanged and three to prison. The crime, the committing of which Labor is jointly charged, was the killing of a fellow Filipino during an argument over a card game.

KING DEPLORES

AIR DISASTER

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The fishing community at Sebeca is notoriously poor, the fishing folk collected enough money to buy a wreath for the body of Lieutenant Granadan.

Possibility Suggested
It is considered possible that the foremost car of the gondolas attached to the Dixmude, which contained the captain's cabin and the chart and navigation room, became detached from the airship and fell into the sea.
Available warships are being concentrated for an organized search of the Mediterranean about Sicily, where the body of Lieutenant Granadan was found, and this search will be continued until it is quite certain that nothing more can be learned of the fate of the great dirigible that vanished in the night. She is regarded officially "lost at sea." All French land forces in Africa as well as the civil authorities are on the alert for any information, but the search in the Southern Algerian region was abandoned today, the searching parties being ordered to return to their posts.

Searchers Not Discouraged
The sea search, however, is hoped to yield something eventually. The fact that nothing has yet been found is not discouraging these efforts, and squadrons of airplanes will fly over the water, hoping to spy something in the depths that may clear up the mystery. It is hoped a message of some kind, perhaps in a floating container, may be found.

An extremely heavy sea is still running off Sebeca, but the French warships Mulhouse, Calais and Annamite reached there yesterday, and the French naval officers were anxious to thank the Italians. Several of the smaller French warships have put into sheltered waters temporarily because of the storm.

Hope Abandoned
PARIS, Dec. 29.—Hope has been abandoned of finding any survivors from the missing French dirigible Dixmude, and the government today began sending high officials to the families of the fifty victims to extend its sympathy and also to express its admiration for the heroic qualities of the airship's crew.
A sudden explosion was suggested today as the cause of the disappearance of the dirigible Dixmude.
Advice from Rome said that nothing had been found among the effects of Lieutenant Granadan, commander, whose body was recovered by fishermen off Sicily, to which they were unable to explain. Other persons at Sebeca reported that two distinct flames resembling balls of fire disappeared into the waves.

No Logbook Found
The lieutenant's body was wrapped in a heavy fur coat over his uniform. In his pockets were a number of undeveloped photographic negatives made on the trip, but no logbook or any documents likely to throw light on the loss of the dirigible. The officer's watch had stopped at 3:35 o'clock. This time coincides with the story told by the stationmaster and other employees of the Sebeca railway station, who say that on the morning of the 26th they saw a bright transient gleam in the sky seaward, the origin of which they were unable to explain. Other persons at Sebeca reported that two distinct flames resembling balls of fire disappeared into the waves.

**S. Barrington-Gould Is
Reported Critically Ill**

LEW TRENCHARD, Devonshire, Eng., Dec. 29.—The condition of Rev. Sabine Barrington-Gould, 98, writer of "Onward Christian Soldiers," and other widely-known hymns, is reported to be "very critical." He has been seriously ill at his home here for some time.

CITY DOES BIG RENT BUSINESS

Cash Received by Lands Department From Rental of Reverted Properties During Year Amounts to \$30,311

SMALL PROFIT IS
MADE FROM SALES

Total of \$58,957 in Cash Is
Turned Into City Treasurer
—Thirty-Six Parcels Were
Disposed Of

THE sales of reverted properties made by the city this year have amounted to \$28,625, which is \$3,759 more than the charges against the lands in question.

An active rental business was carried on by the Lands Department of the city, 163 houses, 62 shops, etc., and 28 lots being rented. Cash received from rentals during the year amounted to \$30,311.

Thirty-six parcels of land were sold during the year, 17 of these involving cash sales amounting to \$11,217 and 19 being disposed of on agreements for sale, the prices totaling \$17,407. The assessed value at last sale of these lands was: Land, \$71,735; improvements, \$12,000. The amount of cash received from these sales was \$28,625. The total cash paid to the City Treasurer by the Lands Department was \$58,957.

The properties which reverted to the city this year from the 1923 tax sale were as follows: 324 vacant lots; 40 improved lots; total, 374 lots. The assessed value of the property was: Land, \$71,735; improvements, \$12,000. The unmet price at last sale was \$252,355.

During 1923 permission for the cultivation of 236 lots was granted.

DEATH CALLS VICTIM OF SAANICH FLAMES

Mr. Stephen Lacoursiere Dies of
Burns—Condition of Brother
Reported Improving

Unable to recover from the effects of his burns, Stephen Lacoursiere, one of the three sufferers from the gasolene lamp explosion on the Lacoursiere farm in Saanich on Thursday evening, died yesterday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital. Herbert Lacoursiere, who is also in hospital, was still battling against the effects of his brother's passing away, and last night was reported to be improving.

The dead man was widely known in Saanich, where regret at his death will be accentuated by the sad circumstances that accompanied it. He was thirty years of age and a native son of the district. Surviving him are his father, Mr. A. Lacoursiere; his two brothers, Albert and Herbert, and two sisters, Mrs. E. Broadfoot and Miss Lacoursiere. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the Sands Funeral Chapel. The cortege will leave the undertaking establishment at 9:30 a.m. for the Saanich Catholic Church, where High Mass will be sung at 10:30 o'clock.

AGED CITIZEN FOUND WITH LIFE EXTINGUISHED

Late Mr. Henry G. Prior Was at One
Time Assistant Janitor at
the City Hall

Old age is believed to have been the cause of the death yesterday of Mr. Henry G. Prior, 1025 Balmoral Road, who was found dead in his bed shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The late Mr. Prior was eighty-five years old and lived with his sister, Mrs. Levy.
Doctor Sinclair, who was called by Mrs. Levy, made the discovery, and every that her brother was dead, was of the opinion that death had come peacefully while the deceased was asleep. Doctor Hart, coroner, was notified, but it is not believed that an inquest will be held. The remains were removed to the Sands Funeral establishment.

The late Mr. Prior was a native of England, but had been a resident of Victoria for a good many years. He at one time was employed by the city as assistant janitor at the City Hall, and leaves many old friends and acquaintances in Victoria.

NOTED MARCH KING AND BAND PLAY HERE

John Philip Sousa Gives Two Pro-
grammes for Big Audiences
at Royal Victoria

Several of the most famous examples of the type of music which has won for him the title of "March King" were included by John Philip Sousa in the programmes which he gave yesterday at the Royal Victoria Theatre. He and his big band were given something in the nature of a continuous between-numbers ovation, the applause reaching its maximum in the evening, when the veteran American band conductor added as an encore to the dramatic Schelling "Victory Ball" a number entitled "Canadian Patrol." This spirited and "racy" selection was an arrangement of popular British patriotic airs, beginning with "The Maple Leaf Forever" and including "The British Grenadiers," "Campbell's Are Comin'" (which reproduced the effect of bagpipes in the distance), and "Rule, Britannia." It was a characteristically graceful act on the part of Mr. Sousa and his musicians, and the audience burst into spontaneous applause even before the conclusion of the piece.

**Prof. J. H. Crack, of
Upper Canada College,
Passes Away Suddenly**

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Professor J. H. Crack, principal vice-principal and residence of Upper Canada College, died suddenly yesterday.

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DR. DAVIES COMES BACK AT ACCUSER

MINISTER PRESUMES "DOC" SMITH REQUIRES MONEY

Centennial Pastor Asserts What He Said About Mountie Is Mild to What Citizens Are Saying

"I presume that 'Doc' Smith is so hard up after paying those legal luminaries in Vancouver that he needs some money," was the opening comment made to The Colonist last night by Rev. Dr. Clem Davies, pastor of Centennial Church, and local champion of the crusade against the drug traffic in British Columbia, in speaking of the damage suit for slander that John Patrick ("Doc") Smith, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, proposes to bring against him for remarks that he alleged Dr. Davies made on December 8, at a meeting held in Centennial Church here, called to consider narcotic drug matters, and the inquiry into the cause of the death yesterday of Mr. Henry G. Prior.

Dr. Davies, continuing, stated: "Whatever I said about 'Doc' Smith and what I did in mild, comparative words with what 75 per cent of the citizens of this Province are saying and will do when they get a chance. You know the old story of Goliath and David—let them go to it."

"I think that it would be a good idea for 'Doc' Smith to initiate suits against others who have said similar things to what I have said, and have made such statements in a more emphatic manner than I did. I whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

The Centennial minister referred to the meeting on drugs that will take place in his church this afternoon, and said that it would probably be followed up later with a big mass meeting.

"The fight is still on, and we're not through yet," were Dr. Davies' final words.

THE WEATHER

Metereological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 3 p.m., December 29, 1923.

SYNOPSIS
The weather is overcast over Northern British Columbia, and decidedly cold, with light easterly winds. Locally cold, but not so severe as the Pacific.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	27	39
Kamloops	22	38
Barcelonnette	18	34
Prince Rupert	18	34
Whistler	28	38
Calgary	18	30
Winnipeg	14	26
Portland, Ore.	28	42
San Francisco	56	66
Seattle, Wash.	28	42
Portland, Me.	28	42
Boston	28	42
New York	28	42
London	28	42
Edinburgh	28	42
Paris	28	42
Brussels	28	42
Amsterdam	28	42
Antwerp	28	42
Brussels	28	42
Amsterdam	28	42
Antwerp	28	42

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Victoria Poultry Association's Show to be held at the Willows on December 31, commencing at 10:30 a.m. Any boy or girl in the district can enter.

Miss Anita Phipps has been appointed director of women's relations within the United States War Department by Secretary Weeks.

EXPLAINS WORK ON SAANICH COUNCIL

WARD TWO RATEPAYERS FAVOR COUNCILLOR MACNICOL

Tells of Various Objectives Reached During His Past Term of Office

Unanimous endorsement of the Saanich Ward Two Ratepayers' Association was given the candidature of Councillor Robert Macnicol at Friday night's meeting of the association, held in the Cloverdale School. No other candidates, either for the council or for other municipal office, were proposed, with the exception of Mr. Douglas, who declined a request that he allow his name to stand for the re-election.

In connection with the now famous Cowper bond of \$5,000, given by the London Guarantee & Accident Company, Limited, which Saanich thought mistakenly would protect them to the extent of its face value, Councillor Macnicol stated that but \$471 would be collected. Lastly, he said, the stand taken by the company in paying only defalcations occurring from March, 1922, to January, 1923, and then only thefts which could be proved by the municipality, was sound, but he believed the spirit of the bond agreement called for the payment of the full sum of \$5,000. The delay in acquitting the public with the facts regarding the bond and the guarantee company's stand had been caused through the hope that the company, in order to protect other business in British Columbia, would agree to some basis of compromise with Saanich.

Wants Referendum
Councillor Macnicol was in favor of putting a referendum to the electors regarding the question of locating a race course in Saanich.

In connection with the Saanich service, he had acted as chairman of the controlling committee, and he gave a brief financial statement covering the time between March 1 and November 29. Fifteen thousand dollars had been paid for the equipment used, he said, and the agreement entered into called for the writing off of \$3.13 per cent annually for depreciation, so that in three years all original equipment would be paid for. On November 18 general upkeep and operating charges had totalled \$6,923.61, or \$769.16 per month. (Gross earnings had been \$16,957.47. The percentage of depreciation called for had been subtracted, leaving a net profit of \$444.86.)

Councillor Macnicol also spoke about the system of charges inaugurated for water meters. He was opposed to the system, believing it cast the heaviest burden upon the small user. He had supported in council the enactment of the extraordinary traffic by-law, which was drawn to protect certain routes in Saanich from the damage resulting from heavy traffic during the wet seasons.

Not Extravagant
Concluding his informative address he touched briefly on the vexatious question of taxation. He did not think that the Saanich council could be charged with extravagance so far as the general rate was concerned. The biggest expense of the municipality, and the one which had shown the greatest growth, was that connected with the operation of public schools.

Last year, he said, schools of Saanich had cost over \$75,000, a sum twice as large as the cost of the schools six or seven years ago. He believed so far as local improvement expenditures were concerned that the most satisfactory manner of relating to the ratepayers was by special by-law similar to that in existence in Ward Seven.

Mr. J. McNair Patterson, president of the Ward Two Association, occupied the chair.

NO LOCAL STATEMENT ON PRICE GATHERINGS

Victoria Ministerial Association Were Non-Committal About Healing of Organic Disease

No statement relative to the evangelistic and healing campaign recently carried on in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton by Rev. Dr. C. S. Price has been made by the Victoria Ministerial Association, according to a statement made by Rev. William Stevenson, president, last night.

He had no knowledge of any movement on the part of any member of the association looking to the issuance of such a statement, he added, although the question might come up for discussion at the next association meeting to be held the first Monday in January.

When Dr. Price first came to British Columbia and started his campaign in Victoria, the Victoria Ministerial Association, while approving the spiritual aspect of the campaign, adopted a non-committal attitude in connection with the claim to powers of healing organic disease, said Mr. Stevenson.

It has been pointed out by other ministers of Victoria who have read the reports made in Vancouver and Calgary and the results obtained thereby, that the Ministerial Association of Victoria comprised not much more than 50 or 60 per cent of the ministers of the city, and that consequently the action of the local association in giving its endorsement to Dr. Price's meetings in this city did not amount to the unanimous approval of Victoria ministers.

To Relieve Distress On Hebrides Islands

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A movement has been started in Scotland for the relief of the widespread and acute distress in the Northern Islands of the Hebrides, especially the Isle of Lewis, where the people are on the verge of starvation owing to the destruction of their crops by abnormal winter weather of the past. Summer and autumn and the impossibility of the inhabitants drying peat in the wet weather.

Several hundred immigrants from the Hebrides arrived in Canada last Spring to settle on the land in the Province of Alberta.

Deadly Grade Crossing
COLUMBIA, B.C., Dec. 28.—Four persons were killed and a fifth probably fatally injured today when their automobile and a Southern railway train collided at a grade crossing.

EXPLAINS WHY JAPAN SHIPS ARE CALLED MARUS

According to Gichiro Narita, a student of Akashi, in ancient times the word "maru" meant the male sex, and "kago" (noblemen at court) were wont to add "maru" to the end of their names, making them read "Hitomaru," "Kiyomaru," "Hinomaru," etc. In the Japanese language the term "maru" was a very noble word. Therefore, when the Japanese castles were fortified, "maru" was attached to their names as, for instance, "Honmaru," "Ichinomaru," "Ninomaru," "Demaru," etc. When "Gozafune" were built (vessels for use of the Shogun) they were regarded as floating castles and were similarly named. After that the shipowners followed this custom, and at present all Japanese ships from the smallest to the greatest have "maru" at the end of their names. The word "maru" is usually mispronounced by foreigners. It is often spoken of as if it rhymed with "haroo" or "to use an Irish-lam" "Hurroo," whereas the stress is entirely on the first syllable.

CONSIDER AGES IN MAKING PROMOTIONS

Principal Campbell, of Esquimalt School, Outlines Plan He Has in View for Regrading

Principal Harold Campbell, of the Lamson Street School, Esquimalt, has in view some changes in connection with the grading of the pupils of that school upon the reopening after the holidays. He explained his ideas before the Board of Trustees on Friday evening. Mr. Campbell had the experience gained by a similar course followed in the schools at Prince Rupert, where, he said, the experiment had proved very satisfactory. The principle underlying the plan involves the ages of the pupils as well as the result of their examination as a basis for making promotions.

Mr. Campbell explained the subject pointed out that in the natural order of things a pupil should reach the entrance examination about seven years after entering the public school. While this was normal, there were many things that told against the attainment of this end. He outlined the different types of pupils met with. Working on the strict principle of making the examination results the sole test for promotion, the result was that the ages of the pupils in the various grades were very widely different. He had found in his experience in Prince Rupert that the taking of some of the older pupils who had not made a good showing at the examinations out of the classes and advancing them to another class had given very satisfactory results. Being closer to those of their own age, they had an incentive to better work on their part.

On the other hand, when a pupil reached the grade on schedule time and yet did not show, there was no disadvantage in requiring him to take longer time and put in another term on the work. Principal Campbell was of the opinion that it would be wiser to hold back pupils of younger ages whose average percentages were not high enough, and advance what might be classified as slower pupils of advanced years. Any pupil who attained good standing would not be held back. The only delay would be over the connection was the fact that parents too often failed to take in the situation, and instead of realizing that the goal was being done for the pupils by such a method, came to the conclusion that favoritism was being shown.

There was no excuse, Mr. Campbell held, for a pupil arriving at the entrance examination at the age of 15 years. The members of the Board expressed satisfaction with the explanation that was offered by the principal, and said that the method would be watched with interest by them. Mr. Campbell himself had no doubts as to the soundness of the course which he proposed to carry out.

ELKS TO CELEBRATE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

B.P.O.E. Elks Will Conduct Annual Carnival Function to Usher Out the Old and Welcome New

The year 1923 will be ushered out and the New Year welcomed in an appropriate fashion on New Year's Eve, next Monday evening, by the Victoria Elks and their friends, in the club premises of Victoria Lodge No. 2, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, 2140, West 10th, Douglas Street. The antlered tribe has always celebrated New Year's Eve in characteristic style, and next week's function promises to excel all previous efforts.

The entertainment, which will be of a carnival character, will commence at 9 p.m., and continue until the early hours of the following morning (New Year's Day). Hunt's five-piece orchestra will furnish the programme for the dancing. Novel features will be introduced, and the dancing hall will be suitably decorated for the occasion. A buffet supper will be served.

Admission will be by ticket. Elks will be able to bring friends with them, although all members are intending to do so must make application to the secretary, Brother Bill Nait. The committee in charge of the fête consists of Bro. Alfred Weigh, chairman; Exalted Ruler, Alex. Peden, and Bro. William Nait. Harry Howard, Bob Petch, Darrell Spence, Frank Sommer, Harry Reid, Jack Gillis, Jimmy Stewart, Herbert Collins, Gus McEwan and Gus Brown.

Bank Janitor Succumbs To Wounds at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—After lingering for nearly a week with a bullet embedded in his brain, Sidney Weeks, janitor of the Royal Bank, died today.

Weeks was found in a washroom at the rear of the bank, December 24, with a wound in his forehead and a revolver, which had been taken from the manager's office, by his side. All the circumstances of the case point to suicide.

Special Bargains for New Year Gift Buyers

Shop Early Monday—Store Closed All Day Tuesday—Open All Day Wednesday

Dainty Silk Underwear for New Year Gifts



Crepe de Chine and Wash Satin Envelope Chemises

In orchid, peach, flesh, sky and white; plain tailored; others daintily trimmed with fine lace or embroidery. Prices, \$3.95, \$4.50, \$4.95 to \$10.50

Crepe de Chine and Satin Nightgowns

In flesh, orchid, peach, sky and white; trimmed with hemstitching, embroidery and handsome lace; others in tailored styles. Prices, \$6.95, \$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.50 to \$17.50

Special Values in Hosiery

Cashmere Hose

In black, brown and marl mixtures, with wide hem tops and feet well reinforced; a seamless hose in sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair \$1.00

Heavy Fibre Silk Hose

In 4-1 rib, a seamless hose with wool toes and heels and non-laddering tops; in black, nigger, grey, silver and white; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair \$1.75

All-Wool Ribbed Hose

Well reinforced, in silver, dove, grey, bamboo, meadow lark, nigger and black; colored clocks at sides; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair \$1.35

English Made Silk and Wool Hose

4-1 rib, seamless with wide hem tops and reinforced feet; shown in colors of silver, grey, nigger, chipmunk, also brown and white and black and white; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair \$2.50

Women's Gift Gloves

Mocha Gauntlet Gloves

With pique sewn seams, black embroidered points and contrasting gusset, in heaver, mode and grey; sizes 6 to 7½. Pair, \$3.00

Fleece-Lined Mocha Gloves

With one dome fastener, self points and pique sewn seams, in brown and grey; sizes 6 to 8½. Per pair \$1.75

Novelty Mocha Gloves

In pull-on style, fancy stitched turn-back cuffs, in brown, heaver and grey; sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair \$1.00

New Year Gifts for Baby

Celluloid Rattles

Many new and different designs. Prices, 50¢ to \$1.00

Brush and Comb Sets

Dainty hand-painted designs. Prices, \$1.00 to \$3.95

Baby Books

White corded silk cover, hand-painted designs. Prices, 85¢ to \$2.25

Bibs

In finest lawn, lace trimmed and embroidered. Prices, 30¢ to 95¢

Pure Wool Sweaters

Finest knit, coat style, turn-down collar. In white, pale blue or pale pink. Prices, \$2.50 to \$3.25

Woolen Jackets

In crepe or hand-knit effect; all-white or trimmed with pink and blue. Prices, \$1.25 to \$2.95

Wool Pull-Overs

With feet, all sizes. Prices, \$1.25 to \$1.50

Women's Silk Scarves

Values to \$6.50 for \$3.75



Silk Scarves in all the wanted shades; also in stripe effect. In shades of pink and green, fawn and sand, light and dark rose, mauve; also black and grey. Very suitable for New Year gifts. Values to \$6.50. Specially priced at

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Children's Handkerchiefs at Special Prices

Lawn Handkerchiefs

With colored borders, 3 in a box. Value 35¢. Special at, per box \$25¢

Lawn Handkerchiefs

White Lawn Handkerchiefs with colored borders, also with little worked figures in corners; 3 in a box. Value 50¢. Special at, per box \$35¢

Quick Service Lunch at 40c

In addition to our regular full course luncheon we serve daily a quick lunch at 40c. Monday's Menu is as follows: Individual Chicken Pie, Brussels Sprouts, French Fried Potatoes, Hot Rolls and Butter, Tea, Coffee, Milk, Afternoon Tea From 3 to 5:30, Orchestra in Attendance

Year-End Drug Specials

Pine, value 50c for 35¢
Pepp, value 50c for 35¢
Castoria, value 35c for 25¢
Evans' Pastilles, value 25c for 18¢
Eau de Cologne, value 45c for 37¢
Bath Salts, value \$1.25 for 88¢
Smelling Salts, value 50c for 35¢
Perfume in lilac, rose and violet, value 50c for 37¢
Talcum in glass bottles, value 50c for 37¢
Gillette Razors, a special value \$1.98
Penetrating Hair Brushes, value \$2.50 for \$1.18
Penetrating Hair Brushes, value \$2.00 for \$1.43

Notice to Credit Customers

All purchases made on Monday will be charged on January's account.

Fine China Cups and Saucers

This assortment of cups and saucers consists of lines of fine English china. Would make ideal gifts, or suitable for afternoon tea service. Values to 75¢. Monday each 49¢

A Special in 52 Piece Dinner Sets

This is a very fine grade of English semi-porcelain, in clear white body, gold trimmed. Value \$17.95. Special at, per set \$12.95

Companion Fire-Place Sets

Just 12 of these English-Made Fireplace Sets to clear Monday. Set consists of shovel, tongs, poker and hearth brush. Remarkably low prices at \$4.75, \$5.75 and \$7.75

Self-Basting Roasters

Round Sheet Iron Roasters, ideal for roast or fowl. Special at 95¢

Half-Price Sale of Toys and Dolls

As is customary after Christmas we are clearing up on all left-over mechanical toys and dolls slightly soiled through handling, as we prefer to open up each toy season with fresh new stock. Dolls include Ma Ma Dolls, French Walking Dolls and Dressed and Undressed Dolls of various kinds. MONDAY—HALF PRICE

Groceries and Provisions

For New Year Festivities

Prime Selected Turkeys, per lb. 25¢
Swift's Premium Hams, lb. 38¢
Mild Cured Prime Hams, per lb. 34¢
Malaga Cluster Raisins, per packet 40¢, 50¢ and 60¢
Imported Smyrna Figs, lb. 25¢
45¢ and 50¢
Golden Hallow Dates, lb. 10¢
Choice Fard Table Dates, lb. 35¢
Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce, per bottle, 25¢, 40¢ and 70¢
Heinz's Tomato Ketchup, bottle, 25¢ and 40¢
Poultry Dressing, Savory, Thyme and Sage, per tin 12¢
Libby's Queen Olives, in bulk, per pint 40¢
O-Port-O, greatly resembles Port Wine, Special, per bottle 75¢
Fragrant Ginger Wine, special, per bottle 35¢
Thorpe's Soda Water Syphons, each 20¢
Choice Almeria Grapes, lb. 35¢
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. 25¢
Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. 25¢
New Navel Oranges, per dozen 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 60¢
Hothouse Tomatoes, per lb. 40¢
Brussels Sprouts, 5 lbs. 25¢
Fresh Spinach, 4 lbs. for 25¢
Local Cauliflower, each 25¢
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs. for 25¢
Special Mixture of Choice Nuts, per lb. 30¢
New Season's Mixed Nuts, per lb. 30¢
Italian Chestnuts, per lb. 20¢
California Soft Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 45¢ and 50¢
Sicily Filberts, per lb. 20¢
Tarragon Almonds, per lb. 20¢
Choice Brazil, per lb. 25¢

Delicious Candies

H. B. C. Chocolate Brazil Creams and Chocolate Pecan Biscuits, per lb. \$1.00
H. B. C. Fresh Chocolate Dates, per lb. 60¢
H. B. C. Assorted Milk Chocolates, hard and soft centres, per lb. 40¢
H. B. C. Special Mixture, lb. 30¢
Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, per box, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00
Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, in fancy boxes; 5 lbs. in a box, \$5.75
Rochon's Almond Crisp, lb. 80¢

Year-End Sale of Fur-Trimmed Coats

Values to \$25.00 for \$15.95

Women's and Misses' Coats, in smart styles, made from good quality velour and blanket cloth in wrap-around and belted models, crushable collars of beaverette fur, trimmed with cable stitching, full lined. Come in reindeer, new blue, brown, navy, sand and black. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale \$15.95



Values to \$39.50 for \$24.95

Stylish models of velour cloth, trimmed in the season's newest effects; long roll and choker collars with deep cuffs of beaverette; full lined. In all the popular shades. Sizes to 40. Values to \$39.50. Year-End Sale \$24.95

Values to \$49.50 for \$33.95

All the newest models in straight and wrap-around styles, with large sleeves, new collars and deep cuffs of beaverette. Made from all-wool fabrics such as velour, bolivia and marvella cloth, in styles and sizes suitable for women and misses. In the season's newest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$49.50. Year-End Sale \$33.95

Year-End Sale of Women's Oxfords and Strap Shoes



Women's Smart Oxfords and Strap Pumps, \$4.98
Footwear in popular styles, in patent leather, black vici kid, tan Russian calfskin and black Russian calf. A fine selection of Sandals, Oxfords and One-Strap Pumps, with low Cuban and military heels; sizes 2½ to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair \$4.98

Women's Grey Shoes, \$3.98
Included in this group are Grey Suede Brogues, Grey Buck Oxfords, One-Strap and Sandal Strap Slippers, in the latest cut-out effects, with covered heels in Spanish or low sandal effect; sizes 3 to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair \$3.98

Year-End Millinery Sale

Hundreds of Beautiful Winter Hats Selling at One-Third and One-Half Regular Prices

Ready-to-Wear Hats
Values to \$3.00. Year-End Sale \$1.50

Semi-Trimmed Hats
Values to \$8.50. Year-End Sale \$2.50

Trimmed Hats
Values to \$12.50. Year-End Sale \$5.00

Values to \$15.00. Year-End Sale \$7.50

Values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale \$10.00

Year-End Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats

Men's Suits, With Two Pairs of Trousers, \$19.85
Just about 35 Suits in the lot, comprising tweeds in all shades and also all-wool Irish greys. Smart models and every suit carefully tailored and trimmed; broken sizes. Values to \$25.00. Year-End Sale \$19.85

Men's High-Grade Suits at \$24.95 Each
Smart two- and three-button models in the best of imported tweeds, also a few worsteds. All carefully tailored and lined with the best of materials. All sizes here. Values to \$35.00. Year-End Sale \$24.95

Men's Gabardine Overcoats
In fawn shade, plain back models with all-round belt, full checked lined. All sizes \$14.95

Men's English Gabardine Coats
Double-breasted belted models, with button-on separate wool lining; also interlined with oiled cotton to make waterproof. The best coat for Winter wear. All sizes. Value \$25.00. Year-End Sale \$19.85

A Bargain in Boys' Suits

45 Suits, tailored from strong union and all-wool tweeds, in grey, brown and fawn. Smart belted coats, with full lined bloomers. Sizes to fit boys 8 to 16 years. Value \$9.95. Year-End Sale \$5.95

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Intermediate Rugby Won by Vancouver

Ex-King George Team Wins First of Series From Oak Bay Wanderers by Eight Points to Five—Visitors Show Marked Superiority in Work of Back Division—Eaton Plays Fine Game as Full Back for Losers

THE ex-King George rugby fifteen took a useful lead yesterday in the two-game series for the Province Cup and the intermediate rugby championship of British Columbia, when they came over and defeated the Oak Bay Wanderers at Cranmore Road, in the first of the two matches, by eight points to three.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 29.—League football games played today resulted as follows:

English League
First Division
Aston Villa, 2; Cardiff City, 1.
Blackburn R., 1; Huddersfield, 0.
Bolton W., 2; Everton, 0.
Burnley, 1; Preston N. H., 0.
Liverpool, 2; West Ham, 0.
Manchester C., 3; West Bromwich A., 2.

Nottingham, 0; Newcastle, 0.
Sheff. U., 0; Middlesbrough, 1.
Sunderland, 1; Notts C., 1.
Tottenham, 1; Birmingham, 1.

Second Division
Barnsley, 1; Clapton Orient, 0.
Blackpool, 1; Notts, 1.
Bradford C., 0; Manchester U., 0.
Bristol C., 1; Stoke, 1.
Coventry, 0; Crystal Palace, 0.
Derby C., 1; The Wednesday, 1.
Fulham, 0; Oldham A., 1.
Leicester, 1; Stockport, 1.
Portsmouth, 2; Drury, 1.
Rotherham, 2; Hull City, 0.
Leeds-South Shields, postponed.

Third Division—Northern Section
Darlington, 2; Chesterfield, 1.
Doncaster, 2; Lincoln C., 0.
Grimby, 1; Durham C., 0.
Halifax, 0; Accrington, 0.
New Brighton, 5; Wigan Boro, 0.
Hochdale, 1; Crewe A., 0.
Rotherham C. & Bradford, postponed.

Southport, 2; Barrow, 0.
Walsall, 2; Hartlepool, 0.
Wolverhampton, 1; Ashington, 0.

Southern Section
Aberdeen, 0; Exeter C., 0.
Bournemouth, 0; Bristol R., 1.
Gillingham, 0; Charlton A., 1.
Luton Town, 4; Southend U., 4.
Millwall, 4; Brentford, 1.
Newport C., 1; Watford, 0.
Northampton, 1; Bournemouth, 0.
Plymouth, 1; Middlesbrough, 0.
Queen's Park Rangers, 0; Portsmouth, 2.

Scottish League
First Division
Aberdeen, 3; Clyde, 0.
Airdrieonians, 1; Raith Rovers, 0.
Hamilton, 0; Ayr United, 0.
Hearts of Midlothian, 1; Dundee, 0.
Kilmarnock, 0; Third Lanark, 0.
Morton, 1; Hibernian, 0.
Partick Thistle, 0; Falkirk, 1.
Queen's Park Rangers, 2; Motherwell, 2.
St. Mirren, 0; Rangers, 0.
Celtic-Clydebank, postponed.

Second Division
Aberdeen, 1; Armadale, 0.
Inverness, 4; Leuchelly, 1.
Inverness, 1; Albion H., 1.
Inverness, 1; Albion H., 1.
Cowdenbath, 2; Arbroath, 1.
Dumfries, 1; Dunfermline, 0.
East Fife, 0; Vale of Leven, 1.
St. Johnstone, 2; Johnstone, 1.
Stenhousemuir, 3; St. Bernard's, 0.
Lundon Hills and King's Park not reported.

Irish League
Queen's Island, 2; Glenavon, 0.
Distillery, 2; Cliftonville, 1.
Larne, 5; Ards, 2.
Glentoran, 4; Barn, 1.
Friendly soccer at Stockton.
Northern League, 3; Corinthians, 1.

Rugby Union
Barrow, 2; Army, 0.
Gloucester, 1; Old Abernethy, 0.
London Scottish, 10; Old Merchant Taylors, 17.
Richmond, 8; Old Fattensham Loretton, 13.
Cardiff, 25; Blackheath, 0.
Pontypool, 13; Bath, 4.
Birkenhead Park, 14; Bradford, 6.
Birmingham, 6; Aberystwyth, 0.
Leam, 25; Gloucester, 0.
Leicester, 24; Racing Club of France, 5.
Liverpool, 3; Moseley, 1.
Manchester, 13; Northampton, 0.
Newport, 12; Neath, 6.
Bridgewater, 0; Newton Abbot, 5.
Cheltenham, 5; Penarth, 10.
Glasgow High School, 8; Walsworth, 0.
Hridge End, 3; Aberavon, 9.
Swansea, 12; Bristol, 1.
Grose New, 6; Tredgar, 0.
Plymouth, 10; Rotherham Park, 3.

Northern Union
Barrow, 41; St. Helens, 5.
Dewsbury, 6; Wigan Highfield, 5.
Huddersfield, 47; Hull-Kingston, 5.
Hull, 3; Leigh, 19.
Hunslet, 8; Keighley, 6.
Oldham, 17; Widnes, 0.
Hartford, 17; Halifax, 10.
St. Helens Res., 18; Featherstone, 15.
Swinton, 14; Leeds, 5.
Wakefield-Tyke, postponed.
Warrington, 12; Huddersfield, 0.
Wigan, 3; Huddersfield, 0.

Invention Will Record Faintest Radio Sounds

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Dr. Lee de Forest, radio inventor, announced today development of a thermophone which he claimed not only recorded the ultra-quietest microphone invented by Dr. Philip Thomas in recording sounds too rapid or too faint for the human ear to catch, but also was of greater practicality because of the extreme low voltage required.

ESQUIMALT WINS FROM VETERANS

SEVEN TO FOUR THE COUNT AT THE FINISH

Ex-Servicemen Handicapped by Shortage of Regular Players—Winners Showing Form

Playing with a substitute goalkeeper and one man short, the Veterans met defeat yesterday at the hands of Esquimalt soccer team, by a score of seven to four. Had the Vets had their regular goalkeeper, Leeming, between the posts there is little doubt that the score would have been somewhat different, as the field work of the two teams varied little. Coler, in goal, showed lack of confidence in the Vets' defense, and a number of balls passed him that should have been stopped.

Esquimalt got the choice of ends on the toss and started with the advantage of the sun which was in their eyes. Shortly after half-time the sun sank, so that it did not afford the same handicap that had been experienced from that source in the early part of the match.

The Esquimalt team has improved very much during the season and made an excellent showing against the Vets, one of the most experienced teams of the city.

Very shortly after the game opened Tom Watt secured a goal, the Vets' goal having been led out too far, leaving the way clear for scoring. Later in this half Frampton scored, and another one was made by Tom Watt.

The Second Half

In the second half the first scoring by the Vets was made by Preston, the latest acquisition to the team and one who shows up remarkably well. This was followed by a goal by another member of the field by Tom Watt. A little later, from a kick from Tom Watt again, the Vets' goalkeeper missed and turned half around with the ball in his hands, scoring another for Esquimalt.

A streak of luck then followed for the Vets and John Cummings was successful in making three goals in quick succession. Two of these were penalties allowed in front of the goal and the other from play.

Then the luck left the Vets again and Tom Watt scored from a penalty kick in front of goal, followed by goals from Frampton and a final one for the game made by Tom Watt.

The field was in bad shape from the front and the players had difficulty in making good shows. The team work. The footing was treacherous in the extreme.

Lock refereed the game. The teams lined up as follows:

Veterans: Coler; Burton and Robertson; Bloom and Cummings; Preston and Clarkson.

Esquimalt: Nicol; Joe Watt and Carmichael; Hoare; Moore and Benda; Stewart; J. Watt, Tom Watt, Warren and Frampton.

INTEREST IN BOXING SWEEPS OVER BRAZIL

Filpo's Near-Victory Over World's Champion Sets Fashion in Sport for Country's Youth

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 29. The Brazilian has taken up boxing. Not only has he enjoyed the great fights of recent times by motion picture and cable report, but now he is learning the game himself. He has followed the four-round fight between an enthusiastic never displayed to any other new sport, and it is all because Luiz Filpo almost won an impressive "almost"—look the world championship from Jack Dempsey.

Every section of this city has its athletic club, which is actively promoting the game among its constantly growing membership. Every city, town and village is producing its "champion" boxer, and the "back lot" game of Brazil, inter-city and inter-state tournaments are being carried on with increasing frequency, accompanied by eager public interest.

The youthful imitation of the gladiator has moved here no longer occupies the center of the stage. He has with the prominent chest and bulging biceps who attracts the soft glances of the senoritas on the sidewalks. It is the day of the "rough neck." Let it not be understood, however, that the local ring hero is a "rough" in the sense of the word. He is a "rough" in the sense of the word. He is a "rough" in the sense of the word.

A curious feature of the growing popularity of boxing in Brazil is that, while the Brazilian boxers follow the American school in the science and practice of the game, the French are furnishing the language. This is due to the fact that the sporting vernacular of the American "fans" is a language apart. It cannot be translated, while French is easily understood by the Brazilian. The French sport magazines, therefore, furnish the boxing vocabulary in this country.

GRASS HOCKEY

Single Men Win Match by Four to Two—Important Games in Near Future

Although the ground at the Willows was in very poor condition following the rain and subsequent frost, the Victoria Grass Hockey Club held a game between teams of married and single men on Saturday afternoon.

The single men won by four goals to two. Breadth scored all four goals for the winners, and McIntyre and Winsby were the scorers for the married men. Mr. Milton umpired.

On New Year's Day a mixed team of Layla Naves will play the club at the Willows, and on next Saturday two teams will play teams from the H.C. University. Ladies' teams will play in the morning, and the men's teams in the afternoon.

On January 13 the Duncan eleven is coming down, and it will require a good side to beat them, the game at Duncan having ended five to five after extra time had been played.

The honorary secretary is at last in touch with the authorities in Vancouver over the Allan Cup matches. Dates will be announced shortly. There are four clubs in the Mainland League.

Hamilton Tigers Win Overtime Game From Senators at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Hamilton Tigers won their first game of the season here tonight, defeating Ottawa Senators three to two after twelve minutes overtime. "Shorty" Green notched the winning goal, driving a loose puck through a scramble.

Randall's clever goal gave the Tigers the only score of the first period. By Denney tied the count near the close of the second session, catching Forbes with a backhand shot. Daragh was forced out in the second period with an injury to his knee-cap.

The game was featured by the brilliant goal tending of Forbes, of the Tigers, who saved his team repeatedly with uncanny saves.

Ottawa carried the play, but failed to pass the diminutive net guardian. At Montreal 3, Toronto, 0.

Chasing the Puck

The Cougars played the better game here on Friday night, and earned the victory. It was, at the same time, a tough battle for the Vancouver tribe to lose.

Leater Patrick's hopefuls needed the win alright, and the local fans were naturally pleased to see them take the measure of their guests. The contest started in slow fashion, but their was plenty of warmth before the tussle was over.

One of the features was the fact that the match was cleanly played. The players on both sides were out to win, and realized if they resorted to "dirty tactics" and were put on the bench for the asking, their club would be weakened, and thus the chances of their team to attain success would be just that much impaired.

The Victoria team looked a much better outfit than they did when they entertained Calgary here a few weeks ago. Frank Fredrickson was going better, Harold Halderson showed better form than at the opening of the season, Harry Meeking was enjoying his best night of the year, and the other Cougars were doing their part to win, and realized if they resorted to "dirty tactics" and were put on the bench for the asking, their club would be weakened, and thus the chances of their team to attain success would be just that much impaired.

There were twenty-nine entries.

NAVY AND MOOSE IN DRAWN GAME

SCORE ONE ALL IN SOCCER AT CANTEN

Muddy Field and Soggy Ball Made Good Football Impossible in Yesterday's League Fixture

In a soccer game which proved disappointing to spectators and players alike, the Navy and the Moose played to a one-all draw at the Canteen Grounds yesterday. The sailors sagged the net in the first half and the Moose evened up in the latter half of the final stanza. Playing on a field of mud, and with a soggy ball, the players of both teams found it almost impossible to control the play, consequently, misplaying was in evidence. In the early stages of the game both teams missed some good chances to score, as on various occasions the ball was kicked away in the mouth of the goal, but even at this they failed to lodge the ball between the sticks for a single point.

Twenty-five minutes of play elapsed before the Navy inside left scored the first goal of the match, after a nice rush down the field on the part of his better of the play, and having a whistle for half-time, the Navy men one up. With the rest period over and the play again under way, the Moose stormed the opposing citadel in the hopes of notching the goal that would tie up this score. In this half of the game it might be said that the men of the anther tribe had slightly the better of the play, and after forcing a corner kick close to the end of the game, Dunn booted the ball into the net for the tally that evened the score. Percy Payne refereed, and the line-up follows:

Moose:—Holman; Morris and Turner; Essler, Webster and Morton; Sharrock; Dunn, Cummins, Morrison and Allen.

Navy:—Kensington; Temple and Johnson; Robinson, Sargeant and Lewis; Jones, Hurdon, Peters, Kinch and Coster.

TJUANA RACING

TJUANA, Mex. Dec. 29.—Following are the results of today's racing:

First race, five-eighths mile—1, March Lad (104), O'Donnell; 2, Vera Rita (106), Melin; 3, Ella Wadd (101), Abel, Time, 1:03. Also ran: Currency, Last Girl, Charmant, Go Hills, Little Warrior and Count Boris scratched.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—1, Norfolk Honey (102), Wilton; 2, Pica (105), Stevens; 3, Choir-master (103), Ingersoll, Time, 1:10. Also ran: Sea Mini, Elv Harrigan, Plantagenet, Tennie and Vesper Belle. None scratched.

Third race, mile and seventy yards—1, Mary Jane Baker (104), Watrous; 2, Poor Puss (104), Kennedy; 3, Hal Wright (109), Baker, Time, 1:24. Also ran: Ingersoll, Mary Prosper, Scrape and Counsel. Olympia, The Lamb, Geo. Muehlbach and Rifle scratched.

Fourth race, three-quarters mile—1, Spanish Rose (110), Connolly; 2, Pretty Maids (101), Clarke; 3, Ida Francis (110), Claver, Time, 1:15 3-5. Also ran: Little Thistle and Little Clair. No scratches.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—1, Mart Buck (97), Wood; 2, Ha-Ha (101), Wallis; 3, Rosa Atkins (105), Erickson, Time, 1:09. Also ran: Pueblo, Dun Sandel and Pavlov. Duly Boy and Remit scratched.

Sixth race, three-quarters mile—1, Wortham (108), Wallis; 2, Jack Ledi (114), Melin; 3, Lady Loband (109), Time, 1:15 3-5. Also ran: Ocelandia, Faber, Green Sprint, Namous Blue, Debonero, Aprilot, Tiken and Mannikin H. Booneville scratched.

Seventh race, five-eighths mile—1, Hamo (93), Clark; 2, Hereafter (114), Erickson; 3, Dicky Terpin (114), Denney, Time, 1:04. Also ran: Flame, Hillsdale, Yukon and Coax Me. Clarkson, C. A. Comsky and May Bruen scratched.

Eighth race, mile and one-eighth—1, Car (107), Barnes; 2, Louie (111), Kennedy; 3, Summer High (111), Fator. Also ran: Fair Virginia, Hills Lack, Cachous and Breeze. The Wit and Hunnyol scratched.

UNABLE TO CHOOSE OLYMPIC SKATERS

United States Will Send Six Abroad—Will Decide Among Themselves Which Four Will Enter

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Six American speed skating champions will be sent abroad to represent America in the Olympic races, Henry Uhlen, vice-president of the International Skating Union, announced tonight at the close of an executive committee meeting convened after the final tryouts here this afternoon. He said that the competition and so close the finish of the events that the committee felt powerless to select or designate four on shipboard and overseas, and allow them to contest among themselves for the privilege of filling the four places as representatives of America.

The men are Charles Jaworski, Lake Placid; Harry Kasky, Chicago; Valentine Bialla, Lake Placid; Richard Donovan, Saranac Lake; Wm. Steinmetz, Chicago; and Joe Moore, New York.

Victoria Golf Club Monthly Medal Result

Following are the results of the monthly medal competition played at Oak Bay yesterday:

Gross Hicap Net
A. H. Ford 82 14 67
C. C. Haynes 84 14 70
Hon. John Hart 80 9 71
A. T. Lewis 82 14 73
W. C. Todd 84 14 72
L. S. V. York 87 15 73
A. R. G. Musgrave 84 13 74
Dr. H. C. Noyes 83 13 72
H. Scott-Moncrieff 82 14 74
Judge Lammiman 85 19 74
J. D. Virtue 93 14 77
Capt. Westmorland 88 10 78
V. H. Maclean 82 15 73

There were twenty-nine entries.

Motorcyclists Prepare To Climb Mt. Douglas On New Year's Day

Once again on the first day of the New Year will the solemn stillness of Mount Douglas be disturbed by the whoops of motorcyclists, for the local Motorcycle Club will again hold its annual hill-climbing contest on the mountain side.

Last year Ed. Miles succeeded in topping the hill, but since then Stan Porter, George Reede and Bob Shanks have viewed the landscape from the summit, and many other riders now figure they have the necessary "soup" to put them up among the "stars."

Several 1924 machines will be used in the contest, and thrills and spills will be the order of the day, as competition never was keener.

All are invited to the battle, and guides will be stationed at the end of Shelbourne Street to direct the traffic. Veterans who have never witnessed a battle of this description will do themselves a good turn by going out this time to see the local boys pilot their roaring, bucking, roaring machines up the mountain side.

The committee in charge have everything ready, and all is set for a battle royal and all the boys are now busy putting the last ounce of "pep" in their motors, so as to be all ready for the starter's flag at 2:30 p.m. New Year's Day.

CANADIAN BOYS WIN DISTINCTION

TAKE FIRST THREE PLACES IN RIFLE COMPETITION

Calgary Boy Scouts Head Line for Imperial Challenge Shield—Improved Per Cent Improvement

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Canadian boys won high distinction in the Imperial Challenge shield rifle competitions in 1923, results of which are announced by the Department of National Defence today, having just come to hand from the National Rifle Association, Hales, England, under whose auspices the competitions were held.

In the team events Canada boys won the first three places in the senior competition, the 14th troop, Calgary Boy Scouts standing at the head of the list with the fine average score of 97.6, winning nine bronze medals and £10 sterling.

A particularly pleasing feature of the senior event is that the average age of the Calgary team was 15 years and 6 months, they being the youngest of thirty teams taking part.

The junior team event was won by the Marist Brothers College, Hales, South Africa, with the 14th troop Calgary Boy Scouts in second place, they being awarded nine bronze medals and £7 sterling.

The Winnipeg Boy Naval Brigade Cadet Corps finished fifth, for which they receive thirteen bronze medals and £2 sterling.

The competitions were first instituted in 1910 by Colonel B. W. Fennel, of South Africa.

In regard to Canada's showing in the competition, the National Rifle Association's report follows:

"Very considerable progress in marksmanship is made by the Canadian boys practically on a team in every four which fired has succeeded in getting into the prize list, and this is an improvement of 100 per cent over their performance in 1922, and reflects great credit upon the instructors of the company units."

With a view to furthering interest in this competition, the Governor-General awarded a special trophy to be held by the organization in Canada, entering successfully the largest number of teams in proportion to its strength. The trophy won this year by No. 96, Trinity College School Cadets Corps, Port Hope, Ont., with the 14th troop, Calgary Boy Scouts, second.

UPLANDS GOLF CLUB

Draw Made for Mixed Foursomes to Be Played Over Course on New Year's Day

Following is the draw for the mixed foursomes competition to be played at Uplands on New Year's Day, with starting times:

9:30 a.m.—Miss Mason and S. L. Feeley and Miss S. Fraser and A. M. Boyd.
9:45—Mrs. Sanders and H. R. Allen and Miss Fowkes and F. G. Fowkes.
10:00—Mrs. Boyd and L. W. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. James Hill.
10:15—Miss Noonan and R. J. Darius and Miss Hicocks and S. H. de Carteret.
10:30—Miss Young and C. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Macfarlane.
10:45—Miss W. G. Wilson and J. A. Cameron and Mrs. C. G. and John Cameron.
10:50—Miss Thomas and G. R. Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Wilding.
11:00—Miss Wolfenden and E. C. F. Allen and Miss K. Wilson and P. Austin.
11:10—Miss K. Fraser and J. Saville and Miss V. Trenchard and A. Lawrie.
11:20—Miss Copeland and R. Peachey and Miss Kinloch and R. Caven.
11:30—Miss Cameron and H. Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn.
11:40—Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth and Mrs. Nickson and H. G. Hinton.
11:50—Miss M. and Mrs. Porock and Miss Maxwell and R. L. Challenger.
12:00—Miss Choate and H. E. Hunsinger and Mr. and Mrs. Foulis.
12:10—Mrs. Hibernson and J. R. Hibernson and Mr. and Mrs. Sladen.
12:20—Miss M. Fraser and A. M. D. Fairbairn and partners.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Following are the results to date in the chess tournament now in progress for the Victoria city championship:

Won Lost To Play
Enke 4 2 1
Parker 5 1 2
Patrick 4 2 3
Young 3 2 4
Forrest 3 3 3
Meyer 3 3 2

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Fred Bretonnet, the French lightweight champion, tonight defeated Ernie Hise, the English lightweight, on points.

DUNCAN BASKETERS WIN DOUBLEHEADER

UP-ISLANDERS SCORE CLEAN-CUT VICTORIES

Seniors Defeat Ex-Normals, of Vancouver by 29 to 21—Maple Leaves Double-Shawigan's Score

DUNCAN, Dec. 29.—Duncan basketballers annexed another double-header victory last evening, when before a big crowd of spectators, the local seniors defeated the ex-Normal students, one of Vancouver's fastest aggregations, by a score of 29 to 21, and the local Maple Leaf team defeated Shawigan Lake by 13 to 6.

The Maple Leaf and Shawigan Lake boys took the floor first, and in this game there was not at any period of the game any doubt of the result. The Duncan boys could play combination and had control of the ball more than three-quarters of the time, but when it came to shooting it was not their night on, for they missed time and time again. Shawigan Lake had few opportunities at the basket, but when they did find an opening they generally did well on it, but in all they only notched up three field baskets in the two halves, as against six field baskets for the locals.

The second game was clean and fast. Duncan opened the scoring and held the lead throughout the entire game, putting up a fine exhibition of basketball. At half time the locals led by 16 points to 10. In the second half the Vancouver boys crept up a bit, and at one time it looked as though the score might be tied, but only for a couple of minutes, when Duncan again took control and notched another couple of baskets. Throughout the match both teams played clean, fast ball. Of the Vancouver aggregation their forward line shone.

L. Brookbank handled the whistle for the first game and E. Evans for the second match.

The line-ups:
Shawigan Lake—W. Blake, E. H. Gibson, H. Neff, T. Elford, J. Burdies, R. Yates.
Duncan Maple Leafs—A. Townsend, S. Toms, E. Woodward, E. Evans, Douglas Tait and Bert Doney.
Vancouver ex-Normals—Don McKenzie, H. Hays, J. Hays, G. Craig, H. Gamme and E. Boyce.
Duncan Seniors—Doc French, Doc Olson, A. Evans, J. Dirome and A. Dirome.

MANY YOUNGSTERS COMING TO TJUANA

Three Hundred New Horses Make First Appearance on New Year's Day—Races for Two-Year-Olds

TJUANA RACECOURSE, Mexico, Dec. 28.—"Make way for youth." On the few remaining days of the waning year-old at one-quarter of a mile, frequently heard at the Tijuana Race-track, for, on the first day of the new year some 300 new horses will make their first appearance in racing. These are the yearlings of 1923 who become two-year-olds January 1, at which time some of them will have their racing baptism.

Every day from January 1 on for three weeks there will be one two-year-old race at one-quarter of a mile. This will give the baby thoroughbreds a straight run up the stretch, for the barrier will be in the chute at the quarter-mile pole. In a month these youngsters, and, undoubtedly, some future champions, will be taken to a trifle longer distance, their events being lengthened to 3/4 furlongs, a half-mile, and finally to 4 1/4 furlongs. The juveniles will not be running half-mile until near the close of the season.

Some of the greatest breeding establishments in the country are represented at the border course in these young thoroughbreds. California is well to the fore with juveniles from the establishments operated by A. B. Brockwell, John W. Marchbank, John H. Rossmore, H. J. Macomber, "Curly" Brown and others. These millionaire patrons of the turf have premier sires and their sons and daughters give much promise. Nevada will depend on the products of the Nevada Stock Farm, of which George W. Wingfield is master, and those raised by W. C. McKay, of Reno, Kentucky will pin its faith to the youngsters raced by Colonel W. E. Applepie and Colonel R. L. Baker. The Eastern juveniles come from such well-known owners as J. S. Couden, Harry Payne Whitney and the Green-trees Stable, the latter being the big racing establishment owned by Mrs. Payne Whitney. The Middle West will have a formidable lot in the juveniles sent by the establishments of national stable of Omaha and by William Daniel and Frank J. Kelly, of Chicago.

The first two-year-old race will be the Kindergarten Handicap, and this will be decided January 1 during the holiday period of racing for which Tijuana is making great preparations.

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

On account of the first Tuesday falling on New Year's Day the monthly medal competition will be played on Tuesday, January 8.

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DON'T OVERSTATE DR. MacRAE URGES

Answering Question, "What Does Victoria Need?" He Attacks Methods of Booster—Pleads for Truth in Advertising City—Would Make Victoria Centre for Discriminating People—Says Natural Advantages Should Be Capitalized

"EMPHATICALLY Victoria does not need the booster or the booster," declares Dr. A. O. MacRae, principal of the University School, in the course of his reply to the question, "What Does Victoria Need?" concerning which The Colonist has been obtaining the views of representative citizens.

Dr. MacRae makes a plea for truth in advertising Victoria, and attacks the booster on one point to exaggerate. He suggests that the city be made attractive to the discriminating, and put forward the thought that it might mean more toward true progress if Victoria became a city of splendid homes than tall chimneys and a cold sweat shop. "Too many modern cities are ugly on the face

of fair nature," he asserts. The possibilities of Victoria as an educational centre are dwelt upon. Dr. MacRae writes:

"It is with diffidence the writer responds to The Colonist's request to say aught concerning the needs of a city in which he is but a recent arrival. There is the additional circumstance that the interesting first interview in this connection which appeared in your columns, simply swept the lines of the life that holds forth the needs of this island city of the farthest west where beauty lingers last. To supplement or to attempt to supplement seems, then, simple supererogation. But perhaps one might venture to underline, emphasize, or annotate here and there.

"When a clever young journalist who is visiting Victoria, was asked about this town, he made haste to remark, 'Make Victoria a more pleasant place to live in than to die in.' He evidently had his eye on the many who retire to Victoria, and to whom the population at large he desired to commend the Greatest Village of Amusement so much to the fore at the moment.

One Woman's View

"Another visitor (of the female persuasion), sees no hope for British Columbia's capital except women are placed in the Parliament, the Council, the forefront generally. But this is not the time, nor is there the space just now to discuss woman's sphere of greatest possible influence in the world of today. Suffice to quote in passing: 'If woman lost us Eden, only woman can recover it again.'

"What Victoria does not require might be a proper propaganda (as the philosophers say) to what she does need. Emphatically, Victoria does not need the booster or the booster. This lovely city, looking forth upon the glorious Olympics, climate write-up, plentiful publicity, but neither booming nor boosting, is there not ground for the belief that booster and booster advertising, legitimate or illegitimate, is a waste of money and energy? Certainly booster and boomerang are not very distant relatives. One might quote not a few feeling authorities on this relevancy.

Boasting is Hatred

"To the writer boasting and all its relatives are hateful. He hates even more its connotation. If it means anything it means exaggeration, and that is always at the expense of sincerity, whether in a person or a population.

"Victoria needs no boosting nor boasting. The plain, unvarnished truth concerning the beauty of the fair capital is so splendid. What it is in itself; what it has to offer as against the scream of so many bigger cities, where it is, its situation and surroundings—these are sufficient to commend it to the discriminating visitor and possible home-seeker.

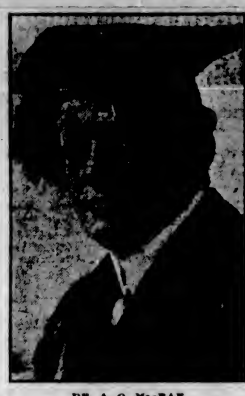
"Why should not Victoria aim to make itself attractive to the discriminating? Some big concern in its advertising speaks on this wise, 'Try R— H— F— It's different.' Why cannot Victoria be different from the centres where there are 'ha squads' and the 'salads', where vicious rich and the submerged poor are within the same confines; where low crime and high finance are preying on the same public?

"The writer ventures no remarks on the commercial possibilities and what should be done therewith. These are not within his province. But if Victoria became a city of splendid homes (not houses, mark you!) it might mean more towards its true progress than tall chimneys and sordid sweat shops.

Not Reactionary

"All this may seem reactionary but, like Dean Inge, one does long to see a different potential content in progress than has commonly been seen and understood, aye, and actualized in present-day civilization. Too many modern cities are ugly on the face of fair nature.

"Too many large centres have sorts of humans that they would give much to be rid of; but, like the proverbial fumes, they are more likely to push



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out the desirables than to be pushed out themselves.

"Victoria needs to make more of itself as an educational centre for the Anglo-Saxon youth. It has all the natural advantages. It has the open spaces. There is suggestion, education, inspiration in the superb scenic surroundings of this city. For tender youth and the adolescent, while the influence may be more or less unconscious; yet, from the modern psychics we have learned the tremendous value and importance of unconscious suggestion. How much background it is making, while young people are chasing rainbows, or blowing bubbles, we know not, but let us rest assured it can create a romantic and inspiring background to the picture of everyday life.

Geographical Advantage

"The subject of situation can hardly be left without brief reference to the deep significance of this geographical position for inter-education. From across the Pacific at least one of the schools of Victoria receives many sons of British parents in China and Japan and the mid-Pacific Islands.

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HUGE CROWD SEES LEAGUE LEADERS' DEFEAT

Blackburn Rovers' Victory Over Huddersfield Another Surprise of Old Country Football

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The defeat of the great Cardiff City team, leaders of the first division of the English soccer league, by Aston Villa, was the feature of soccer games in England today. The Villa team was triumphant by 2-1.

Only one before this season has the Cardiff eleven tasted defeat, having been beaten by the tailenders, Preston North End, in a surprising game. The Aston Villa Cardiff City game was staged on the former's grounds. It attracted an enormous crowd, gates being shut when 77,000 had crammed themselves into the enclosure.

Naturally, the win of the home team was tremendously popular. Another surprise was the defeat of Huddersfield, the runners-up in the league race, by Blackburn Rovers. Only one team, Middlesbrough, won away from home in the first division. In the Scottish League, St. Mirren sprang a surprise by holding the league leaders, Rangers, to a scoreless draw.

COMING EVENTS

Scottish Dance.—An enjoyable time is promised those who attend the Scottish dance in the K. of F. Hall, under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on New Year's Eve.

Ladies' Guild for Seamen—The Ladies' Guild for Sailors will meet at the Connaught Seamen's Institute on Thursday, at 2:45 p.m. A full attendance of the members is requested as work for the year has to be arranged.

Welsh Society—All members of the Victoria Welsh Society and all Welsh residents are invited to the society's annual Christmas tree to be held in the hall of the Victoria, Broad Street, at 6 p.m. Ladies are asked to provide refreshments because of the large number of children who are expected to be present.

New Year and Theosophy—The Victoria Theosophical Society will hold a public meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the society, 101 Union Bank Building, when "The New Year: Cycles in Time" will be the subject of an address and discussion. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Two Fallacies

Two fallacies prevailed in the public mind, said the speaker. One was that the Government is an inherent source of wealth. The fact was, they could only acquire wealth through taxation. The second, that everything could be done by law. There were too many laws now, he asserted, and no one could tell when the people could get out of the maze of law. He deprecated the practice of a Government appointing supporters to get offices, to the use of inspired publicity and the constant boasting in the press of party actions, thereby misleading the people. Twenty years ago the public service was efficient, today there are ten men required where one did service then; enormous outlays for needless services are being made, and the Government has gone mad as paternalism. The time has come when the Government would be well to be approaching when everyone would be holding a Government job.

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Colonel Cy Peck, V.C., Declares Provincial Government Has Failed in Its Duty to Veterans

SIDNEY GATHERING
WELCOMES WARRIOR

Conservatives in Islands Riding Turn Out En Masse to Greet Party Nominee, Who States Provincial Authorities

RESIDENTS of the Town of Sidney and adjoining districts paid a tribute to Colonel "Cy" Peck, V.C., Conservative nominee in the Islands Riding for the next Provincial campaign, at a public meeting held in Berquist Hall, on Friday night, at which Mr. W. J. Bowser, Conservative leader, also spoke. Both received the heartiest of receptions from an audience which crowded the hall to its capacity and applauded the speakers frequently and vociferously.

There was a dissentient voice throughout the entire meeting, which was undoubtedly indicative of the political sympathies of those present.

Dr. F. W. Manning, president of the local Conservative Association, presided, and on the platform were Major G. Lyons, an overseas companion with Colonel Peck, and president of the Victoria City Conservative Association; Mr. G. Harvey, Mr. Julius Brethour, veteran Conservatives of the riding, and others. Dr. Manning, who presided, referred to the crisis to which Provincial affairs are approaching, and declared the time has come for a change in the financial stability and future progress of the Province is to be assured, and paid a tribute to the war service of the Conservative nominee, whom he described as an old and tried legislator in Federal affairs, and one who would be a valuable addition to the Provincial House. He declared the "petty conduct" of Liberal members in the Legislature, and asserted that what was needed were men of experience to take the interests of the Province at heart.

Colonel Peck was roundly applauded when he declared that he had been a plain citizen of the Province for thirty years, and no chequero. He was appealing in the interests of better Government, and those of the Conservative party. He would let his record stand for itself, and possessed an interest in the country. He favored Liberal principles, those of men like Alexander MacKenzie and George Brown, but the present brand of Liberalism in British Columbia was so far from those ideals that no man worthy of the name could become associated with them. He was not a worshiper of the party shibboleths, he stated; the present administration was not Liberal in any sense other than its unwarranted and extravagant expenditure.

Colonel Peck referred briefly to his election at the 1917 Federal election when he was in France, when the Canadian corps was fighting with its back to the wall. It was no time for a man to desert his post, but later he had returned and served four years in the Ottawa House. He experienced the fact that men in public life in Canada were not held to the same standards as in England, and it was that "railing and vituperation, the mean and malignant whisper" against the man in public life, which has been the bane of Canadian politics and kept decent men out of the political arena.

Fears No Danger

"I do not fear danger, but starting in the campaign and right fair and criticism; the public career of a man, the policy and career of a government is public property and fair game for criticism. I will call a spade a spade, but so far as purely personal affairs are concerned I will not be enticed to offer criticism," declared Col. Peck, and the audience showed its keen appreciation of his sentiments by continued applause.

Declaring that the continual abuse of Mr. Bowser was unjust and unwarranted, and that the latter's continued work in the interests of the Province, Colonel Peck asserted the people at the next election would head the Opposition leader's words and give him support. The present Liberal administration knew the game was up, "dodging and circling to escape their pursuers." On the last day of the recent session, he declared, the Government had turned tail and carried Mr. Speaker and the mace with them. He believed that the Government's action in publishing the Public Inquiries Act to permit of an investigation into motives of those making accusations against the Government was an unwarrantable proceeding, an act of ultimatum designed to pressure the Government from being forced to give an account of its misdoings.

"We are going to have a great old muck-raking, a stirring up of stench; but the public mind is agitated, and we want to get the facts, and then let us get down to real work," said Col. Peck, who expressed the opinion that, so far as the Conservative party was concerned, the investigation promised by the Government would be welcome if a fair and impartial inquiry were granted.

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Weather Man Has Cold, With Snow, For City Today

Past on the heels of Santa Claus, Christmas weather has arrived from the North.

Last night, although earlier in the day the sun had beamed upon the city for six and one-half bright hours, a very light coating of snow was laid down upon the streets by the falling temperature.

Today Victorians are advised to have their greatcoats handy, for the weather man has nothing better to predict than fresh to strong northerly and easterly winds, and cold with snow or sleet.

The barometer yesterday began to rise over northern British Columbia, while decidedly chilly weather spread southward.

Intense cold now prevails on the Prairies. At Winnipeg yesterday the thermometer ran down to 14 below zero; at Calgary it reached 18 below, and at Edmonton 20 below; while at Prince Albert welcome was given to 30 degrees, below the round mark.

And there will be no taxpayer and no production, with the ultimate outcome—dissatisfaction and bolshevism.

Colonel Peck referred to the enormous growth in the cost of the administration of the Province, a growth in the past few years from \$2.92 to \$5.70 per head of population on outlays for departmental salaries. He declared that in view of the herolism of the men overseas in the late war the Government had failed lamentably in its duty towards them.

"One would have thought that a Government that had made such loud protestations of loyalty and friendliness to the returned men would have been powerfully impressed with the record of those men; would have done something really worth while to give the very best administration they could, and thereby conserve the public resources and keep British Columbia in the best position as to the return of the survivors whose heritage they were entrusted with. But they have not done it; they have squandered it," declared Colonel Peck, who cited the growth of the public debt, and declared that he would drag up future generations.

"Even since I have started my speech it has grown by thousands," declared the Colonel, and his words were cheered. He stated just before the recent session of the Legislature the public debt stood at \$71,432,000, and deducting twelve millions of sinking fund the gross debt is now fifty-nine millions, against a gross debt of twenty-one millions and sinking funds of three millions when the present Government took office.

"This government can be confounded out of its own mouth, on its own figures," the speaker asserted. He pointed to the \$14,585,000 overdraft in the bank and the twice two millions borrowed this year. He scored the government for its tax policies, which continued to overload the people with impost and, even when one passed away, the estate was still taxed. The only reason the tax collector would not get after the man who had gone to the great beyond was because he would have no jurisdiction.

In conclusion, Colonel Peck asserted that if elected at the next election he would devote his best efforts to bringing about the reduction in taxation and seek to make the Province a place in which a man could get a living rather than, as at present, driving the young men to the United States to secure their bread. He spoke strongly of the need of looking after the returned men, who he maintained, wanted only a square deal in the land for which they had fought and bled.

During the progress of the meeting those present greatly enjoyed several vocal selections by Miss Beatrice Macdonald, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Eleanor Barford, F.T.C.M. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies of the Sidney Conservative Association, to whom the hearty thanks of those present were extended.

The gathering concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

WEDNESDAY SOCCER

VANCOUVER PICKS TEAM FOR NEW YEAR GAME

Inter-city contest will be first of kind staged among eleven teams in the city.

When the Victoria and District Wednesday League representative soccer team takes the field on New Year's Day, at the Royal Athletic Park, at 2:30 p.m., against the Wednesday League team from the Mainland, they will have a hard nut to crack. The Vancouver line-up, according to the secretary of the Vancouver Wednesday League, will be as follows: Eberle (Goalkeeper); Abrams (Spencer), Williams (Fraser Valley); Chalmers (Mount Police), Picken (Fraser Valley), Balle (Spencer); Arnold (Fraser Valley), Claydon (Spencer); Rouse (Burns' Hall), Pritchard (Shelly's), and Williams (Spencer).

In the local camp all the players who were picked are available, and when these teams clash at the Royal Athletic Park, in what will be the

More Sunshine in Victoria Than on Channel Islands

Weather Report for Year Shows That Victoria Has Enjoyed Twelve Months Devoid of Uncomfortable Extremes—Heavy Precipitation in Early Months Followed by Unusual Absence of Rain

RECORDS ANALYZE 1923 WEATHER IN THIS CITY

HOW does Victoria's climate compare with that of the delightful Channel Islands, England's greatly-favored garden dependency which lies so near the coast of Sunny France. Those who champion Victoria will be delighted to have their faith justified in the answer which Mr. Napier Denison gives through his report of the weather conditions which have obtained here during the past twelve months. For the figures plainly show that with an average daily allowance of six hours of sunshine Victoria has definitely outdone the Channel Islands in this particular respect.

The past year has not offered anything spectacularly outstanding in the matter of temperature or rainfall, and it is pleasing to discover that the one notable feature is this proud one of a rich allowance of sunshine. The total amount of bright sunshine amounted to 2,322 hours, which is, as already implied, above the average. The Channel Islands, with which the record is compared, is climatologically one of the sunniest parts of the British Empire. From the summary which is given below it will be seen that with a mean average temperature of 50 the year 1923 was abnormally mild, although in February the thermometer registered as low as eleven above zero, while in the same month 29 inches of snow fell. The precipitation for the year was above average. This is interesting in view of the figures showing that it was also an unusually sunny year. The precipitation was unusually heavy last January and February, while in April and June and again from September to the present time, it has been below average.

Although the temperature fell to 11 above zero last February, it is recalled by Mr. Denison that even lower temperatures have occurred here since

1878, the year when the system of taking reliable weather observations was instituted. The lowest temperature ever recorded since then was on January 31, 1893, when 1.8 degrees below zero was registered. The next lowest temperature taken here was on December 20, 1879, when zero was touched by the mercury. Six degrees above zero occurred on January 10, 1880, and again on February 25, 1887. In recent years the lowest temperatures have been conspicuously higher, with the exception of the 1.4 degrees above zero recorded in January, 1909. Mr. Denison has thrown out the suggestion that it might be of value if prospective builders of houses would note these low temperature figures so that in having water mains and plumbing installed they will see that the pipes are sufficiently protected against severe frosts that may occur in the future. Experiences here during last Winter and in other recent years have proved the advisability of this.

Heaviest Precipitation

The heaviest annual precipitation in Victoria was 50.23 inches, this being recorded in 1893 at Esquimalt. The precipitation this year was 27.59 inches. The driest year on record in Victoria was 1889, when only 18.66 inches fell.

In the matter of wind velocity it is easy to find several years which experienced much greater hurricanes than any noted during the last twelve months, the highest being on December 26, 1901, when a 64-mile gale maintained its record for a whole hour. It will be seen from the following chart that the biggest storm of the present year was that of a few days ago, when the wind attained a velocity of 54 miles.

The year still has two days to run, and it is possible that events might alter the above report, which was compiled on Friday.

MONTH	TEMPERATURE			SUNSHINE		PRECIPITATION		WIND	
	Mean	High from Duff from Average	Highest Lowest	Number of Hours	Duff from Average	Amount in Inches	Duff from Average	Highest Lowest	Direction
	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Hours				
January	46	1 above	53	24	58	13 above	6.41	102 above	41 S.W.
February	48	3 below	53	13	97	11 above	4.80	101 above	41 S.W.
March	45	5 below	60	31	193	34 above	3.81	100 above	47 S.W.
April	47	1 below	67	38	191	10 above	1.08	108 above	41 S.W.
May	57	3 above	67	40	219	16 below	1.08	102 above	41 S.W.
June	60	11 above	82	49	238	16 below	1.4	104 below	41 S.W.
July	60	0 average	82	49	242	11 above	1.4	104 above	48 S.W.
August	61	1 above	81	49	251	10 above	.40	104 above	48 S.W.
September	57	3 above	74	41	184	14 below	1.44	107 above	48 S.W.
October	52	9 above	74	41	180	20 above	1.72	107 below	53 S.W.
November	47	9 above	55	30	96	24 below	1.41	104 below	50 S.W.
December	43	2 above	55	24	26	24 below	4.55	102 below	40 S.W.
Year	50	1 above	86	11	2322	73 above	27.59	107 below	50 S.W.

first inter-city match of the Wednesday League, they should provide a good brand of soccer for the following of the game. The players of both teams will meet in the Broad Street Hall at 1:30 p.m. The Victoria team will be managed by R. M. Stevens, of the Garrison Football Club, and will wear red sweaters, while the visiting team will be managed by Mr. Booth, and will wear sweaters of royal blue.

Pears Public Discussion

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Mercier fears public discussion may impede the progress of the negotiations for a reunion of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and refuses to make any statement with regard to the private conferences which the Archbishop of Canterbury recently disclosed had been held at Mullins.

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Robber Laughingly Tells Train Crew to Put Hands Down

"Shorty" Dunn informs men they look as if they are trying to fly—Juryman at trial said to have claimed stealing from Canadian Pacific Railway is no crime

TWO TRIALS NECESSARY FOR MINER AND OTHERS

"BOYS, you can put your hands down. You look like a bunch of birds trying to fly." "Shorty" Dunn was an inveterate humorist, and even when he had the train crew "covered" during the holdup near Kamloops, which sent him to jail, his wit displayed itself. That he said what is quoted above is vouched for from an authoritative source which, in view of the several articles appearing in this paper in regard to Bill Miner and Dunn, has supplied further information concerning the trial of these men.

Bill Miner and his two associates, "Shorty" Dunn and Lewis Colquhoun, were captured by the North-West Mounted Police near Kamloops at Ducks. The preliminary hearing was before the well-known stipendiary magistrate, the late Mr. George Christie Tunstall, known in the early days as Judge Tunstall. Mr. F. J. Fulton, the Attorney-General at the time, acted as prosecuting counsel before the magistrate. Mr. A. D. MacIntyre appearing for the defence. The Crown's case was in charge of the late superintendent of police, Mr. F. S. Hume, of Victoria.

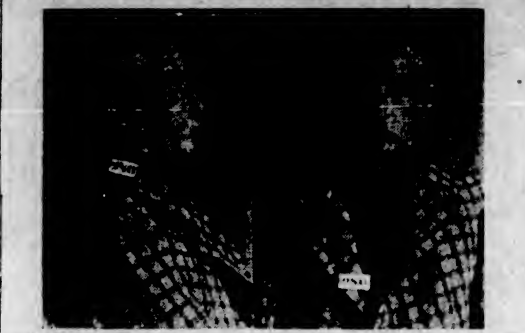
A Novel Argument
The three alleged holdup men were tried jointly at the Spring Assizes in May, 1906, before the late Mr. Justice Irvine. Two trials before a jury were necessary owing to the disagreement of the first jury empanelled, one jurymen on the first trial holding out and refusing to agree with the others for a conviction. He was alleged to have taken the radical view that stealing from the C.P.R. was no crime.

The counsel at the Assizes were Mr. H. A. McLean, K.C., the Deputy Attorney-General at the time, for the Crown, and Mr. A. D. MacIntyre for the defence, with Mr. J. D. Swanson, now judge of the County Court, of Yale, associated with him as counsel for Lewis Colquhoun.

The engineer in charge of the train held up was Joe Callin. He identified Bill Miner, whose mask had slipped, revealing a full view of his face. Callin also identified Dunn, whose special role was to line the crew up alongside the train. Colquhoun was identified by the engineer as a member of the party whom he first saw running across a field carrying a bag to join the others at the train. It is said that Miner seemed to exercise a sort of hypnotic influence over his confederates. All three were found guilty on the second trial, Miner and "Shorty" being given life sentences, while Colquhoun was sentenced to twenty-one years. The latter died of tuberculosis while in the penitentiary.

"Shorty" Dunn's Poetry
When "Shorty" Dunn was in prison he and other convicts smuggled out

Bill Miner, the Notorious Train Robber



Of Bill's stay in the Provincial Penitentiary at New Westminster, where he escaped while on his escape. He told lively stories and quoted from the poets. The robbers loved him. He explained his usual walk in life by saying that he was a "colored man" who had graduated with first-class honors in draw poker, and had found holding a can of beer with a revolver, easy compared with bluffing on a pair of deuces in his social moments. He would place himself in the role of a train robber. He robbed only the rich—because there was no use robbing people without money—and he gave to the poor because charity begins at home.

Christendom the World Over

A Weekly Review of Religious News

ANOTHER continent will be annexed into the sympathies of Methodism and Protestantism when the Congregationalists join the United Church. The foreign mission society of the smallest of the three uniting bodies is in the Portuguese province of Angola, West Central Africa, where the Canadian Congregationalists have worked for over forty years in co-operation with the American Board of Foreign Missions. The doctory pioneer of this work, the David Livingston of Canada, was Walter T. Currie, of Toronto, a graduate of McGill and the Congregationalist College of Canada, who developed the model Christian village of Chibamba, a clean, bright oasis surrounded by superstition, cruelty and slavery. After twenty-five years of arduous service and African fever, Dr. Currie settled at Royal Oak, near Victoria. Here he died ten years ago, his former iron constitution broken by the hardships of missionary life. Founded on the lines of his success, the Chibamba, in the eastern part of Angola, has carried on since 1914 an increasingly large educational work among the natives. Twenty-one missionaries represent the Canadian churches in their West African field. Mrs. Currie, after her husband's death, heard the call of her black children and returned five years ago to die among the people to whom her husband gave his life.

A Hymn 1,000 Years Old
Buried for sixteen centuries in the desert sands of Egypt, a papyrus containing a fragment of a Christian hymn, music as well as words, has been recovered from the excavations made during the last few years at Oxyrhynchus. Translated into a form of words and music as it was found, it is dated by a twentieth century choir. It was given last month in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Upper Norwood, London. This hymn, the last time when Britain was pagan, was sung to the following translation: "Let all the fountains of the rivers lift up their song To the Father, and Son and to the Holy Spirit, So let all powers on earth cry aloud, Amen, Amen."

Changes in the Church Union Bill
With the object of meeting the objection of those opponents of the impending union of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, and particularly of those Presbyterians who claim they are being legislated against their wish into the new organization, a paragraph has been inserted into the proposed Bill of the House, to the effect that members of non-concurring congregations and non-concurring ministers shall not be deemed to have become by the passage of the act members of the United Church. The provision that such congregations and ministers may signify their attitude while attending the annual conference of the United Church, after the passage of the bill, remains apparently unchanged. It is anticipated that the non-concurrence, organized as the Presbyterian Association, will vigorously oppose the passage of the bill in the Federal and Provincial houses.

Suppression of Obscene Literature
Anthony Cornstalk would have rejoiced at the new national act launched by the League of Nations against the traffic in obscene writings and pictures. For the first time in history the nations co-operate for purity, thirty-five states having given their adherence to the treaty. The agreement will be held open till March 31, 1924, by which time it is expected the United States will also have signed. Spain, Persia, China, Uruguay, Cuba are among the signatories along with England, France and Italy.

Church and Theatre
As guest of the Clergy Club of New York, Mr. William Hodge, author and leading actor of the play, "For All of Us," advised the clergymen to be specific in their criticism of the modern drama, "to attack the vile play just as you would attack the vile book." As the drama was an integral part of human society, the thing to do was not to outlaw the theatre, but make it as clean and healthy as music or literature or sport.

Forty-One in One
According to Rev. Dr. W. T. Gunn, of Toronto, forty-one ecclesiastical bodies once united in Canadian history will be represented in the United Church. Among the Presbyterians there had been nine unions and three absorptions, besides minor unions; eight among the Methodists and two by Congregationalists. At the Massey Hall meetings in Toronto, where this statement was made, Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., said that Canada's movement towards union had stimulated similar efforts in India, China and Japan, as well as in Britain and America.

The Missionary Samaritan
Another hospital has been opened by the disciples of the Great Physician, at Vito, Manitoba, among a community of 8,000 people, all of

LOCUSTS CHEAPEN CHRISTMAS TURKEY

BIRDS PATTEN ON PRAIRIE GRASSHOPPER PLAGUES

British Columbia Ranchers Caught With Heavy Stocks—Sell at Less Than Cost

Whilst for two seasons past weather conditions have been very favorable for the raising of turkeys, yet it is a fact, says Mr. Terry, of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, that the bumper crops of the kings of poultry are the result of the grasshopper plagues in some of the Prairie provinces.

Letters, received from turkey breeders in the Province during the past few days, tell of the chaotic condition of the market during the festive season for provincial grown turkeys. An Okanagan breeder says that she has three hundred and fifty turkeys to sell, as a result of refusing to take 18 cents per pound, plus freight, loss of weight and possible damage in shipping. This same breeder, in one season a few years ago cleared off a mortgage of four figures by a single crop of turkeys. This year she would have received \$1 apiece for her birds if she had sold them less than cost price. A number of settlers along the G.T.P. were also caught with a large number of turkeys on their hands.

Regarding business for the next year or two Mr. Terry was of the opinion that Coast ranchers would be showing wisdom by not embarking too heavily in turkey raising. The Prairie ranchers could raise them for practically nothing for a great part of the season by turning them out to range. In Manitoba this year in some sections turkeys lived on grass hoppers almost entirely. A feeding of feed grain at night towards the end of the season was about all the expense the owners were put to. Prairie conditions were ideal for this class of farming, and ranchers with small acreage in the Coast district were at a disadvantage. Lack of range, moist conditions, and the fact that practically all feed had to be bought at high prices proved severe handicaps.

As to the quality of local grown turkeys, Mr. Terry said that there was no comparison, when island birds are sent to the trouble of specially fattening the birds. Most of the local turkeys this year had been so fed, and were easily worth from five to ten cents more per pound over foreign birds. Consumers, however, generally considered price first so long as the product had a good appearance.

GEN. CLARK TAKES OVER BURDICK FIRM

Old Established Bond and Stock Business—Burdick & Co., Ltd., Bond and Stock Dealers, Takes Ground Floor Offices

Of interest to the investing public in British Columbia, Burdick & Co., Ltd., bond and stock dealers, are acquiring, as from January 1, 1924, the old established bond and stock business of Messrs. Burdick Bros., Limited, together with their direct wire service to the East.

Brig-General R. P. Clark, the president of Burdick & Co., has been associated with him for some years as directors, Mr. C. E. Brown, Mr. W. J. Gurney and Mr. C. H. L. Hiram, who are all well known here. On acquiring the business of Burdick Bros., several prominent Victoria citizens will be financially interested in the new firm.

The firm intends to place unexcelled facilities at the disposal of investors in high grade bonds, stocks and the grain market. A lease of the store on the corner of View and Broad Streets, recently occupied by Mitchell & Duncan, has been taken and on February 1 they expect that they will be occupying their new premises.

The progress made by this firm and the confidence have shown in the future of Victoria in making their new plans is commended by businessmen.

Mr. Gerald Ross will remain with the reorganized firm as floor manager and will provide investors and speculators with the latest information on market movements.

The Burdicks are retiring from the financial business here and will concentrate on their shipping interests.

MINISTER OF LANDS AND FOREST CHIEF GOING TO OTTAWA

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, with Chief Forester P. Z. Parrhill, will leave for Ottawa, probably on Wednesday, to attend conferences of various Provincial representatives which will meet at Ottawa to plan co-operation in the work of forest fire protection and forest conservation.

The meeting will commence its duties on January 1, and will be also attended by officers of the Canadian Air Board, and the question of an air patrol of forest areas will be discussed, it being recognized that the work already done in that direction has proved of incalculable value.

Already, the Minister states, the work done in forest protection has been productive of the most excellent results, the propaganda undertaken having curtailed fire losses by educating the general public to the necessity of greater care when in the woods. The Minister is enthusiastic over the success of the air patrol work already carried out, and he will strongly recommend to the Dominion authorities that the Board's services be retained in this work, especially in this Province.

Vancouver Stork Keeps Ahead of Father Time

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Vancouver's vital statistics for 1923 show a fairly good balance on paper. There were more births and marriages and fewer deaths in the year just closing than in the preceding twelve months. Births number 2,860 as against 2,841 last year. Marriages totalled 1,666 as against 1,574. Deaths numbered 1,529 as against 1,577.

Insurance companies in the United States in 1922 paid out about \$28,000,000 more in death claims than in 1921.

Creates Method for Blackfoot Indians To Read and Write

Canon H. W. G. Stocken, of Victoria, Aided by Canon J. Hinchliffe, Local Legislator, Evolves Syllabic System of Characters—Tries Pitman's Short-hand, but Finds It Too Complicated

NATIVES ARE NOW ABLE TO WRITE THEIR OWN LETTERS

TO create a method by which the Blackfoot Indian could write his own language without the use of the English alphabet was the task undertaken and successfully completed with the assistance of others by Canon H. W. G. Stocken, who spent many years as a missionary among the Blackfoot and Sarcee on the Prairies and who is now a resident of Victoria.

When it is realized that to spell the average Blackfoot word phonetically with the English alphabet would require at least eighteen or twenty letters, the difficulty of utilizing this system in connection with the language of these Indians can be readily seen. The story of the creation of the syllabic method for the writing of the Blackfoot language, with the necessary invention of characters entirely new in one of the most persistent industries in the face of great difficulties. Searching in some way to commit the Blackfoot language to writing so that the Indians who were too far advanced in life to learn English could read and correspond with each other, Canon Stocken, who was then only Rev. H. W. G. Stocken, even experimented with Pitman's shorthand, which he knew, but he realized that this would be much too complicated for his purpose.

Learned Language
Rev. J. W. Thine, now archdeacon, was sent out to work among the Blackfoot in 1832 by the Church Missionary Society, of London. Approaching his field by way of Fort Benton, Montana, he picked up there a copy of a pamphlet containing Blackfoot words spelled phonetically with English letters for the use of white traders. The missionary built a house among the Blackfoot and set about the task of learning their language. He was accompanied, however, finally through halfbreed interpreters and denoting objects and doing vari-

ous things, securing the proper words for these from the natives, who, however, were not above attempting to trick him, although he was forever on the watch for this and guarded against it.

Archdeacon Thine commenced from the first to analyze the grammar of the Blackfoot language, and when he went home on furlough five years later he took with him manuscripts for a grammar and dictionary, having accomplished this feat of arduous labor with some assistance from Bishop Horden's Cree grammar and Watkin's Cree dictionary. But this was not all, for he had with him also translations of the Gospel of St. Matthew and selections from the Scriptures into Blackfoot, spelled phonetically with English letters.

Mike Shoot-Close
In 1835 Canon Stocken joined Archdeacon Thine on the Blackfoot reserve and from him learned the language of the tribe. Then he was transferred to the Sarcee Mission and found himself among a people speaking an entirely different language. About 50 per cent of the Sarcees knew Blackfoot, which was of great assistance to the missionary, who realized, however, that he was not reaching the other folk.

To his assistance Canon Stocken called a clever but lazy renegade who bore the name of Mike Shoot-Close, former batman to Colonel McLeod, formerly in charge of the Northwest Mounted Police at Macleod. Mike knew English, Cree, French, Dakota and Blackfoot, and with the aid of this man, the missionary translated into Sarce the first three chapters of Genesis, the first Canadian Primer, and some prayers. Mike was himself far from being a saint, but was not averse to assisting in this work. He felt that the first three chapters of Genesis could be profitably reduced to a few words, and so suggested, but Canon Stocken did not care to edit the Bible along the proposed lines.

Various portions of the Bible, and prayers, hymns and the Te Deum were put down on paper in this way. The new characters were cast into type in the Old Country and printing was done with them at Calgary.

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What Is the Future For Saanich Growers?

Prices Can Be Controlled Only by Regulation of Acreage or Scarcity of Crop, States Manager of Association—Tells of Organization Efforts and Experience of Farmers in the Past—Secret of Success Lies in Co-operation

By H. E. Tanner, Manager, Saanich Berry Growers' Association

THE growing of small fruit in the rural portion of Saanich illustrates the change from a purely farming district to one that is now more widely known for the quality of its strawberries, and also for the up-to-date methods of cultivation and attention to details in the growing of this delicious fruit.

Commercial growing on a large scale has been undertaken only in the past fifteen years, but before that there was a considerable tonnage grown principally for the local and Vancouver markets; in fact, the latter was our best outlet.

Co-operating Markets Developed
The industry had its inception about thirty years ago in a very small way. A few growers in the Keating and Gordon Head districts supplied the local demand, but as acreage and growers increased the necessity of a more extended market was realized, so we commenced shipping to Vancouver, where our product met with instant favor and continued to do so until the mainland growers were able to supply that market themselves.

We had by this time seen the need

of better cohesion, and a form of co-operation was accepted that would enable us to make agreements and contracts with jam manufacturers, the latter having already recognized the value of Island strawberries in the flavor and color of their jam.

Amalgamation of Island Growers
The method of marketing in Victoria and Vancouver varied somewhat. In the former one wholesale firm handled the fruit, while in Vancouver one firm did so for a number of years, but our shipments grew so large that we split them up with several firms, until consignments later ceased entirely for reasons already given. We were now at the stage where a more constructive policy was necessary, and this led to an amalgamation of growers in Gordon Head and Keating, which took the form of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, with offices and warehouses in the city.

A manager was appointed with power to sell to wholesale and retail trade. At the start it looked likely to succeed, but a seasonal crop like small fruits was not sufficient to meet overhead and salaries, and this necessitated stocking a line of goods handled by competitors. Naturally this required capital raised on growers' notes, and after languishing for a period the usual fate which falls on any business crimped for capital followed.

I doubt the wisdom of our policy in those days; in fact, of any growers' co-operative body in competing with men who know their business from experience, have capital and connection, while we had neither, unless self-confidence can be considered a business asset, and of course it may be under certain circumstances.

Entering Prairie Markets
The industry had now reached a point that required careful consideration. Production was increasing, other outlets had to be found, and to Gordon Head must be given the credit of shipping the first car-load of strawberries to the Prairie market. So popular were they that to this day Island berries are sold under the trade-name of "Gordon Head," but of course we know that this will not always be so, because in some of the later cars there was a goodly number of Keating berries, and there has been ever since—the two associations now shipping jointly.

Benefits Following Incorporation
It was not till 1917 that the growers in Keating incorporated as the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association, Gordon Head having already done so a few months previously.

Our policy up to then had been fairly satisfactory, but an assembly warehouse was imperative, also a board of directors and a sales manager. As an incorporated body our financial and legal standing would be improved. We then had a membership of forty-seven, covering an area from Elk Lake to Saanichton, while today, with 235 members, we include south of Royal Oak and extend to the extreme end of the peninsula. The total fruit sales in 1922 amounted to \$21,600.25; in 1923, \$126,115.25.

Joint Shipments with Gordon Head
Our relations with Gordon Head have been friendly and co-operative. We hold joint directors' meetings, discussing problems and arranging price for jam-berries and other details at beginning of year, and pre-arrange ship-berries jointly to the Prairie. The respective managers meet daily during the shipping season, and this year there were tentative plans outlined for taking care of surplus berries.

We have also co-operated in a measure with the Cowichan Association, making trial shipments of their fruit in cars with ours, but unfortunately, while the quality was all that could be desired, there were transportation difficulties in the way requiring solution before the growers in that district can hope to ship in crates with any degree of success from Victoria, as a shipping berry must be in the pre-cooling chamber with the least possible delay and handling. This may be overcome in the near future.

Co-operative Policy
Our co-operative efforts in the past have been in the nature of annual conventions of Island and Mainland growers, where we arranged price of jam berries, system of marketing on the Prairie, and any measures calculated to give the best results to growers. I regret to say that this friendly spirit was checked somewhat early in the year, but it is not my desire to enter into anything of a controversial nature.

However, it might be proper to state that, as opposed to a Provincial control selling agency, we took the

fact that stands out prominently, and that is, unless the demand and the prices improve, there is nothing ahead of the growers but hard work and disappointment, a result of the inflated prices of 1919 and 1920. At that time optimistic articles in the press told of the fortunes that could and were being made with small fruits. What was the result? Land was sold beyond its producing value; new growers rushed in, blind to ordinary business principles and rules

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Distant View of the Famous Saanich Peninsula



The Picture Is Taken From a Point Close to the Malahat Drive.

this I am still convinced that the growers on the Lower Mainland should find it possible to recognize our policy and still be able to meet us with modifications that will enable us to work together for the common good.

Outlook for the Industry
As to future prospects, there is one

or to the patent fact that deflation was bound to follow; production increased by leaps and bounds, and 1921 found heavy stocks in jam factories and canneries. Consequently strawberries dropped from twenty cents to seven cents per pound. The following year, 1922, brought a better price, ten cents per pound, but the grower was no better off, as this price was due to scarcity of crop—the result of winter injury. After all, it is only by regulation of acreage or scarcity of crop that the grower can in a measure control prices.

Conditions this year, 1923, were discouraging. Jam factories and canners held over large stocks, financial conditions on the Prairies were bad, and the crop was moved only by coming down to the purchasing power of the public. This also applied to the jam-manufacturers. Sugar had been manipulated to a high figure, and berries consequently brought down to a seven-cent basis. As was feared, the logans were a problem, but prospects look brighter for the coming season. We shipped several cars to the Prairies, but sales were slow at low prices, and we have learnt that straight car-loads cannot be sold advantageously; there should be a larger percentage of raspberries, of which we lack sufficient quantity.

The Remedy
What is the remedy for present conditions?

Not control of acreage, because, unlike the manufacturer, who can reduce his output, the fruit-grower plans years ahead, rotates his land, and no association policy will prevent a man re-sowing or increasing his acreage in the hope of future advantage if he sees the other fellow reducing his; but if a policy of reduction is not feasible, the wisdom of not increasing the planting for a while, especially logans, is worth consideration.

The logan-berry has a future, perhaps more as a canning proposition than for jam, but the demand should be followed and not crowded, until it has been given a chance to make good. Logan-juice may become more popular, but I doubt if the market will ever be a large one, when we consider how cheaply more cherries can be made from this fruit and the probable demand for it from the Prairie Provinces, which appear to favour Government control.

Dehydration has been tried by other associations, but the net returns to growers are so small that little hope can be held out unless overhead in manufacture is materially reduced. Fruit-growers are thinking seriously of the future, which is in danger of being jeopardized by those who, with more zeal than experience, would branch out in jam, canning and dehydrating plants, or, at least, are convinced that in these is our salvation, forgetting that a surplus of jam, etc., is just as much a possibility as a surplus of fresh fruit.

These men are honest in their opinions, but, aside from the capital re-

quired for these plants and to which the grower can subscribe very little, it is necessary at this juncture to abstain from panic and to recognize that world conditions are abnormal but will eventually swing back to a normal stride.

Develop Export Markets
The coming season will undoubtedly bring higher prices for fruit, for the reason that jam and canneries stocks will be practically cleaned up, the better crops on the Prairies will put

money in circulation, and there is an increasing spirit of optimism which in itself makes for an expansion of trade. The question of a surplus at end of season is always a source of anxiety, but instead of an association erecting a plant and hiring, if possible, an expert jam-maker for a short period, I think that this could be more economically done by an existing jam concern, with the guarantee of an article of uniform quality. The finished article could be sold either by association or through our brokers.

Another outlet may be found for our surplus in processed or frozen form in the United Kingdom; our executive is already in touch with a prominent firm there, and has arranged to make a small trial shipment of frozen strawberries in a few weeks. A satisfactory market abroad for our surplus would be an important factor, because with that disposed of from year to year it would mean better prices for the main crop. Whatever steps may be taken in the future, it is necessary above all things that we keep cool and consider calmly any proposition before taking action.

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Considering the inadequacy of the pecuniary reward for their services, the marvel is that so many men of education and refinement can still be found to undertake the work of the Church. There are weak and inefficient men to be found in its ranks, as there are in every calling and profession. But at his best, and far more commonly than many people are inclined to think, the English clergyman is still today, as he has been for centuries, the Parson or Person of his parish. In sickness and in health he is the friend of high and low, his heart (and often his purse) is open to all their needs and sorrows, and in town and country the whole scheme of life in England would be very much worse off without him.—London Times.

Brazil, Portugal and Ecuador may start a Cocoa Producers' Association shortly.

Model Strawberry Farm Near Victoria



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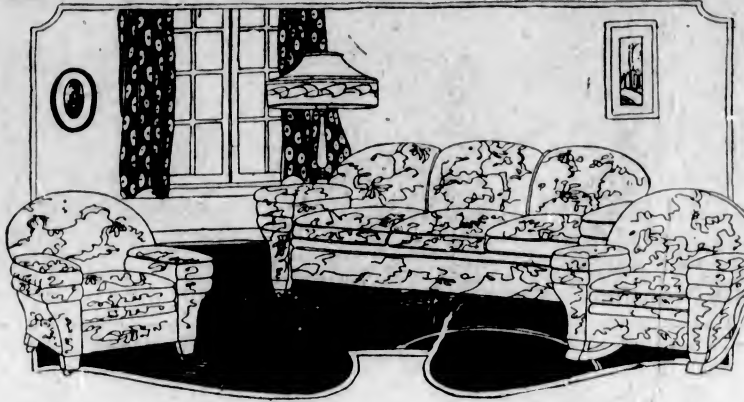
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Pleated Skirts for Girls \$2.90

All-Wool Navy Serge Pleated Skirts, attached to bodice. They are neatly and well made and of excellent grade. For the ages of 6 to 16 years, \$2.90
—Children's, 1st Floor

Hosiery Values for the New Year

Women's Fine Thread Pure Silk Hose, with mercerized lisle tops and deep hem; double soles, heels and toes; brown, black, white, suede, pink, laurel, gold, sage blue, purple and orchid. A pair.....\$2.50

Women's Sheer Finished Hose, with lisle garter hem, seamless feet and black seam; black, white, camel, sand, medium, grey, brown and polo. A pair.....98c

Outside Cashmere Hosiery, seamless throughout, with extra large leg; black only; 9, 9 1/2 and 10. A pair.....\$1.00

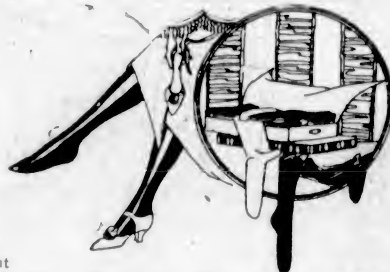
Fine Mercerized Lisle Hose, of medium weight and seamless, wide elastic tops; black and brown and white.....85c

Dropstitch Silk Hose, with hemmed tops and double heels and toes. A pair.....98c

Fancy Silk Hose, with satin stripe, hemmed tops and reinforced foot; black, white, cordovan and French grey.....\$3.00

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, in superior grade; clocked, and with double hem top and reinforced foot.....\$2.50

Women's Full-Fashioned Pure Silk Kayser Hose, with wide hem tops, in all the wanted shades; sizes 9 1/2 and 10.....\$2.50



Pure Thread Silk Hose, with self-colored clocks, double hem garter top and reinforced foot; black, brown, sand and camel, pair, \$1.98

Fine Quality Silk Hose, with ribbed tops and seamless; in shades of black, white, nude, cordovan, camel, navy, beige, dove and pearl grey, a pair.....\$2.00

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, with hem garter top and reinforced foot; all desirable shades.....\$1.50

Boys' 1-and-1-Rib Cotton Hose; will wear well; they have reinforced heels and toes and are offered in sizes 6 to 7 1/2 at, a pair.....50c

8 to 11, a pair.....60c

Women's Knit Vests Drawers and Bloomers 85c Each

Women's Fleece-Lined Vests, with low neck, short, long or no sleeves, wide or narrow shoulder straps, slip-over and button-front styles. Sizes 36 to 40.....85c

Drawers to match vests. These are made open or closed style and ankle length; excellent weight. Sizes 36 to 40.....85c

Women's Bloomers with elastic at waist and knee, and with gusset. Sizes 36 to 40. A pair.....85c
—Knit Underwear, 1st Floor

C-B Corsets, English Make, \$1.75

Non-Rustable Sports Model Corsets, remarkably well made. Corsets of fine pink coutil, with elastic top, satin trimmed and lightly boned. They are modeled to lace in the back, and shown in sizes 21 to 28. Special.....\$1.75

Corsets of fine white coutil, with elastic top, soft boning and free hip; suitable for the slender to medium figure. Sizes 22 to 28, at.....\$1.75
—Corsets, 1st Floor

Girls' Bloomers

Gym Bloomers for girls, in a strong all-wool navy serge, pleated on band and with elastic at knee. These are for the ages of 8 to 15 years, and are big values at \$3.97 to \$4.50

Girls' Pongee Silk Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knee, and made for the ages of 10 to 13 years. Special value at, a pair.....\$1.40
—Children's, 1st Floor

New Year's Ties for Men, 79c to \$2.50

Ties of pure silk, patterned in fancy brocades and stripes. All correct sizes, and big values at.....79c to \$2.50
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Flannelette Gowns and Romper for Children

Children's Colored Flannelette Rompers, in small check pattern of blue and white, pink and white and mauve. They have scalloped embroidery around yoke, pockets and sleeves, and finished with belt. For the ages of 3, 4 and 5 years. Special value.....\$1.25

Children's White and Colored Flannelette Gowns, slip-over styles, with V neck, trimmed with colored stitching and rick-rack braid; blue, mauve and white. Sizes for 2 to 10 years. Special value.....90c, 95c and \$1.00

Children's Flannelette, in large sizes, for the ages of 10 to 14 years. Special value.....\$1.25 and \$1.95
—Children's, 1st Floor

Merchants' Lunch Special Monday 50c

Cream of Celery
Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce
Chicken Hash, Baked Omelette
Boiled Lamb Chops, Parsnips
Roast Beef, Turkey, Cranberry
Sauce
Combination Salad
Brownie Squares
Roast Brown or Mashed Potatoes
Pumpkin Pudding
Hot Wine Pie, Apple Pie
Rolls and Butter
Tea Coffee Milk

Fresh Meats Cash and Carry

PRIME STEER BEEF
Sirloin Tip Roasts, per lb. 16c
and.....22c
Rump Roasts, per lb. 17c and 19c
Roasts off the round, per lb. 17c
and.....19c
Rolled Prime Ribs, per lb. 22c
Rolled Pot Roasts, per lb. 14c
Cross Rib Roasts, per lb. 13c
Blade Bone Roasts, per lb. 10c
Round Steak, per lb. 15c and 17c
T-Bone Steak, cut short, per lb. 27c
Mince Steak, per lb. 12c
Oxford Sausage, per lb. 12c
2c a lb. off Cash and Carry Meats between 9 and 10 a.m.

FIRM GRAIN FED PORK
Shoulders Pork, 5 to 7 lbs., per lb. 15c
Butts Pork, 2 to 5 lbs., per lb. 19c
Loins Pork, 2 to 5 lbs., per lb. 27c
Legs Pork, 4 to 6 lbs., foot off, per lb. 25c
Pork Steaks, per lb. 22c
Loins Pork Chops, per lb. 30c

CHOICE YOUNG LOCAL MUTTON
Shoulders, half or whole, per lb. 19c
Legs, half or whole, per lb. 30c
Breast of Mutton to stew, per lb. 13c
Rib Chops, per lb. 25c
Loins Chops, per lb. 37c

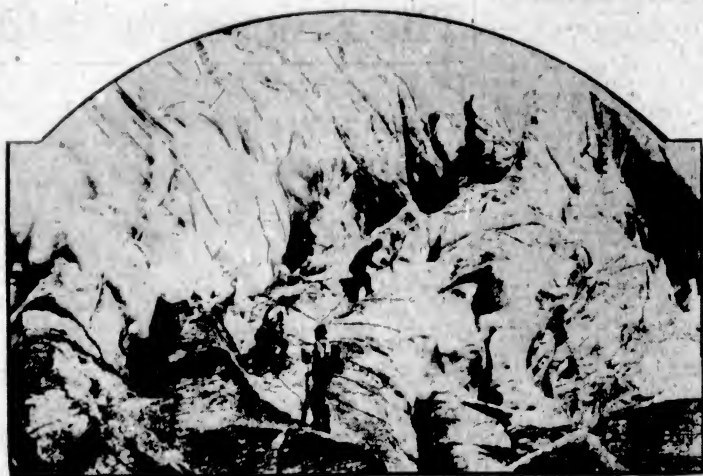
Regular Counter Delivered

Shoulders Prime Lamb, per lb. 24c
Legs Prime Lamb, per lb. 40c
Pork Roasts, 4 to 6 lbs., per lb. 28c
Small Roasts Milk Fed Veal, per lb. 25c
Filets Milk Fed Veal, per lb. 35c

T-Bone Roasts, cut short, per lb. 29c
Prime Ribs, cut short, per lb. 23c
Rump Roasts, little bone, per lb. 20c
Turkeys, Geese, Capon, Chicken, Poultry



The Colonist's Pictorial Page



One of the many beauty spots of the dominion is the main glacier on Mount Robson, Jasper Park. Photograph shows some climbers working their way to the top of this rendezvous for sightseers



Jack Knight, air mail pilot, employs a radio device to keep in touch with his base at Omaha. An experiment is planned to see how far the pilot's voice can be heard 2,000 feet in the air at varying distances



The town of St. Ives, Cornwall, England, is one of the most picturesque places for artists of all nationalities. It is here that pictures are produced in bulk, and as the Royal Academy show approaches special wagons are required to move the large number of canvases



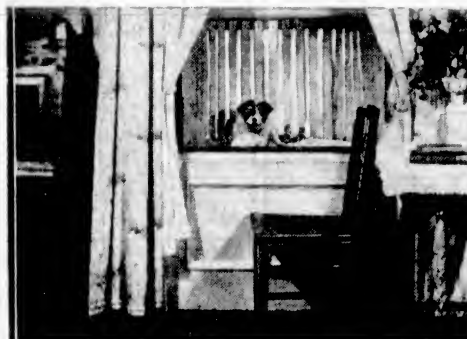
President Obregon, of Mexico, speaking of the rebel uprising in his country, states that the "country will be pacified and the rebellion put down with an iron hand." Further than that he refuses to commit himself



By the explosion of a gas main in Newington causeway, London, the tube service was suspended for many hours. Photograph shows men at work in the enormous crater after the explosion



Miss Eugenia Gilbert represented Los Angeles at the recent beauty contest held in New York. She was a favorite for the honors



The family terrier has his own kennel, with plenty of fresh air, even if his mistress does live in an "up-in-the-air" crowded apartment. The canine-sleeping porch is mounted on an outer window sill



Here is Colonel Botzaris, commander of the Greek troops on the Albanian frontier, who is charged by the Italians with being instrumental in the killing of the Italian mission—the direct cause of all the fuss



Nine persons were killed and many injured when the second and third sections of the 20th Century Limited crashed in the fog recently. The photograph shows the twisted and smashed wreckage of the rear car of the second section



Girls in California have put the artistic touch to raising chickens on a large scale. In order to keep their flocks from becoming mixed they brand them—not in the cowboy way, but with black paint and brush, as shown in the photograph



Miss Elizabeth Stine, of Leonia, N.J., high school, is one of the outstanding feminine athletes in America. She set the world's record recently for the high jump, the mark she established being 4 feet 10 1/2 inches. She also acquits herself creditably in other events



The collegers are shown in formidable array, arriving for the annual wall game held at Eton College, England, on St. Andrew's Day



The above photograph was made at a shipyard on the Forth, and shows shipbreakers at work smashing the guns of the German ships which surrendered to the British fleet at Scapa Flow five years ago



Above may be seen part of the hull of the U.S. destroyer Chauncey, one of several destroyers stranded on the rocks off the California coast, several months ago. Pounded by the heavy seas, there is little left of the boat for salvage purposes

mute decay;
And ever amid this stir and moll and
strife
Fresh aims and grawing purposes
arise
Above the faded hopes of yesterday,
—H. T. Mackenzie Rejl.

The oyster is male and female, by
turns.

SERIOUS ISSUES BEFORE TURKEY

Allies Evacuate Constantinople and Moslems Again Rule in Ancient Capital, Once Dedicated to Christianity

TASK OF SETTLEMENT IS LONG AND ARDUOUS

Laws Previously Adopted by Angora Are Put Into Effect—Prohibition Laid Clamped Down Tight

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The allied forces evacuated this ancient metropolis October 2, and two days later saw the official end of all foreign authority in Constantinople.

It had been a time of change, both physical and psychological. The Turk has come into his own, and is struggling with the problems that come with it. At this writing, the Grand National Assembly, down in remote Angora, is wrangling with a constitutional form of government, trying to make a more workable instrument than the present cumbersome system. The suggestions range from a modification of the American system up and down, and the indications are that it will be a long and arduous task.

Prohibition Laid On

All the laws adopted by the Angora Government and postponed in application until the evacuation are being put into effect. First is prohibition, which was suddenly clamped on yesterday. The popular native intoxicant is doukka, a sort of absinthe preparation. It is said that the present stock of drink in this city alone constitutes a fortune of some five or six thousand establishments, employing 30,000 people, are closed. Drunkenness in public is punished by a bastinado of forty strokes and heavy fines.

The law against foreign physicians, dentists and pharmacists who were not registered before the world war has been put into effect. The Russian Hospital and several others, started since the war, have been ordered shut.

Foreign Experts

There are numerous other such laws that apply to foreigners, for the Turk seems bound to develop an intensified nationalism as proof of his new freedom. The world war, however, the Turkish people are confident of his own ability, however, is shown in announcement from Angora that the Government finds it necessary to employ a certain number of foreign experts.

The exodus of Greek merchants is regarded here as a serious thing. With the Armenians, they have formed the mercantile element of the world war. The shops, restaurants and other retail and wholesale commerce, it is reported that the Government is taking steps to replace the Greeks and Armenians with Germans and Austrians. One report is that more than 3,000 business men of these nationalities are to arrive here this Autumn. Already German merchant ships are beginning to come in with German-made goods of every description.

Streets Show Change

The most striking feature of the new order of things is betwixt the streets. Everywhere are shops for rent or shuttered. The shopping crowds are a mere shadow of what they were in the days of occupation, when thousands of Western soldiers and sailors spent their pay here. Gone are the varied uniforms that colored the throngs, the great military automobiles that crashed in streams through the narrow streets, the sound of rifle and drum as garrisons changed quarters, or guard detachments marched to relief.

The cabaret and sex dance rooms that sprung up everywhere have about disappeared. The very excellent Russian ballet folded its wings and passed quietly out of here some weeks ago, and now the last of the jazz joints, where formerly could be found an evening's jam of British, French, Italian and American officers and civil officials, is to go with its Russian waitresses and its American negro proprietor.

Women Appear in Public

For all that has gone has come but on new features, Turkish ladies on the streets again. In the days of the occupation they were seldom seen, but now, in their costumes of brown, blue, or black, with veil down or open lifted, they shop openly or drive on calls in cars and carriages.

ATLANTIC FAVOR NEW BRUNSWICK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Province of New Brunswick is rapidly becoming a favored field among American motor tourists. A Department of Commerce census shows that more than 2,000 tourists entered the Province from Maine this season, and of these, 1,700 passed through the border town of St. John before the ninth of August. That was 100 more than had entered during the same period of last season.

Ancient Wooden Images Stolen

FEISTLITZ, Austria, Dec. 29.—Five wooden images of saints dating from the fourteenth century have been stolen from the parish church here. They rank among the finest and most valuable of medieval religious carvings and are well known to collectors. It is believed that international art thieves were behind the theft, as the peasants not only revered the images, but it is doubtful if they had any idea of their value.

America Increases Rates

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—The Government has put into effect an increase of 100 per cent in telephone rates, an increase of 40 per cent in domestic first-class postal rates, and 70 per cent in second class mail rates.

RED MYSTERY STIRS ALL PARIS

Anarchists' Influence Seen in Suicide of Fifteen-Year-Old Son of Daudet, Noted Royalist

WAS YOUTH URGED TO KILL HIS FATHER?

Did Lad End Life in Moment of Revulsion From Action?—Police, Bewildered, Unable to Reach Solution

PARIS, Dec. 29.—M. Farallou, the modern Sherlock Holmes in French detective circles, is now engaged in an affair of deduction which goes beyond the most intricate plots ever conceived either by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle or Gaston Leroux—or even Edgar Allan Poe.

The mystery that M. Farallou is called upon to solve is whether the anarchists of Paris poured, by suggestion, into the impressionistic horror of his intention strike Daudet the idea of going forth to commit murder. And also whether they put into his hands the revolver with which he killed himself instead of following out the instructions of homicide.

Mental Suggestion

Again, was the youth actually overpowered by mental suggestion while in the anarchist camp, and was he really en route to kill someone—perhaps his own father, France's royalist leader? And in a moment of lucidity, while riding in a taxicab down the boulevards of Paris did he, under the influence of the anarchist, decide to kill himself instead of following out the instructions of homicide.

Parallou's Operatives

Parallou and his operatives are combing every shred of evidence which might indicate that the small-bore revolver was placed in the youth's hands by an anarchist, whom he had been intimately associated several days before the suicide. If he proves that this is what was done, then the courts will be called upon to deal with a case which will merit the attention of criminological, anthropological and psychological experts the world over.

"Murder by Suggestion"

There is no criminal statute in effect here which could cause conviction on the charge of "murder by suggestion." However, Leon Daudet—who, aside from his royalist leadership, is editor of the paper Action Française and a member of the Chamber of Deputies as well as being somewhat of an author, thanks to the fame of his father, Alphonse Daudet—charges that his son was brutally murdered by anarchists.

Judicial Procedure

If Farallou is able to obtain evidence in support of this second charge, the judicial procedure which will follow in an attempt to trace responsibility for the youth's tragic end to "suggestion" will bring out many details about the life of the young schoolboy. It was an exceedingly brilliant scholar and popular among his companions, and while leading a normal life, he was shown that he was a prime suspect for suggestive influence, as he was afflicted with acute neurasthenia, which led him to the former pond and, finally from his home and school for days at a time and gave him a changed personality.

Birds Protected by Law

Deplete Goldfish Ponds

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 29.—Goldfish that turn green and marauding birds, to shoot which is risky, have perplexed cemetery officials in this city. Two in Turin, one in the Cemetery and the other in Oak Grove Cemetery, have been used as breeding places for goldfish. Recently the school of fish in the former pond was badly depleted, and investigation showed the cause to be a bird that conducted raids nightly. Summary execution was decided upon and carried out. When the guilty bird's body was examined it was found to be a night heron, a bird protected by law, and the executioners learned that in protecting the fish they had laid themselves open to prosecution.

Preparations Being Made

Preparations were being made to remove the 12 goldfish from the Oak Grove Cemetery pond to a greenhouse fountain for the winter, when it was discovered that some artificial flowers used in the decoration of graves had been blown into the water. The dyestuff in the flowers had poisoned the fish. So the unfortunate cyprinids, which were born gold, died green.

Statements Court Turkish Voters

ZAGREB, Croatia, Dec. 29.—In three of the Balkan states, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece, it is the habit of the Turkish residents to cast a solid vote. They are dominated largely by religious interests, seek their own advantage and never throw down their political leaders. Hence the premier of these three countries is showing solicitude for the resident Turks, and endeavoring to get them lined up for governmental candidates in forthcoming elections.

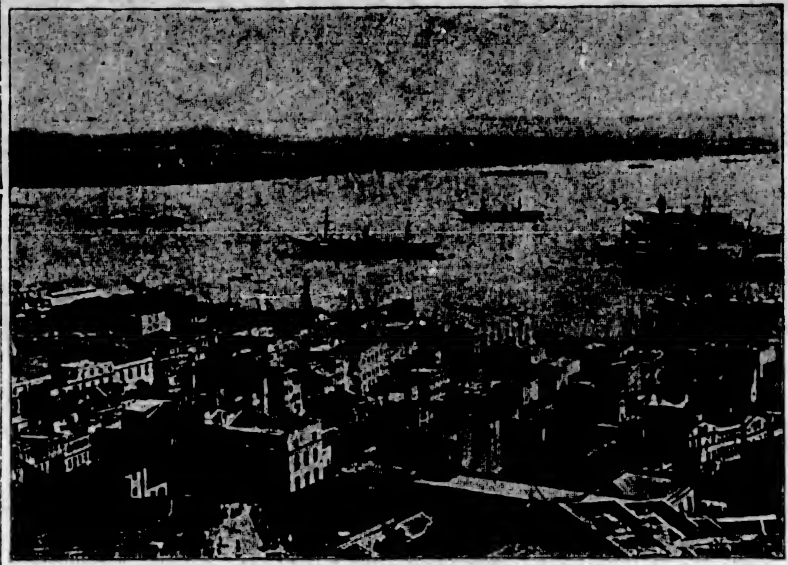
Swiss Allot More for Army

BERNE, Dec. 29.—In the Swiss budget for 1924, which shows 216,000,000 francs receipts against 244,000,000 francs expenditure, military appropriations amount to 11,000,000 francs, being 4,000,000 francs in excess of 1923. The greater part of this sum is for the instruction of a number of recruits greatly in excess of the quota of previous years.

Uganda Wars on Elephants

NAIROBI, Central Africa, Dec. 24.—A number of European hunters are to be appointed official elephant hunters in the Uganda colony, in view of the frequency of elephant raids upon native cultivation. In making this announcement, it is explained that hunters will be expected to shoot if necessary, but the ivory will be the property of the Government.

Where Moslems Are Now Supreme—City of Constantinople



VIEW OF THE TURKISH CAPITAL'S WATERFRONT

Always Food Enough To Meet Human Needs

Supply Will Never Run Out, in Opinion of California Professor—But He Admits Possibility of Shortage—Many Factors Limit Population—Machinery for Food Production Increasing—Statistics Support His Contentions

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 29.—Will the population of the world ever increase to such numbers that the food supply will run out? "No," declares Professor C. C. Plinn, of the Department of Economics in the University of California.

But the professor qualifies his negative by saying that if the population of the world ever increases as fully as it has the power to, there certainly will be a shortage of food. He explains that as a matter of statistics, this probably never can happen, since events and conditions always intervene to prevent overpopulation.

Yet, he concedes, in certain countries this economic overpopulation has occurred. He cites the annual famines in China and India, which, he contends, are due to the fact that the birth rate never has been kept down in those countries, and consequently the food supply proves inadequate.

"Dread disease always follows famine in the train of excessive population and shortage of food," the professor points out, and he states further that as population increases the land is proportionately overworked. "In America, especially, population has always been held in check. People are made to realize the importance of keeping a balance between the population and the food supply. Farmers manage to produce enough food to satisfy everybody, even though agricultural methods improve more slowly than the population increases. The amount of effort expended in labor and machinery for getting the food is increasing steadily, so that although population tends to increase more rapidly than food, there never will be danger of food giving out."

Argentine to Develop Many New Air Routes

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 29.—Argentina is considered to hold the premier position in aviation in South America, possessing five airroads in the vicinity of Buenos Aires and twelve others scattered over the rest of the country. The flying schools, which have been in existence since 1910, turned out so far fifty military and 230 civil pilots.

Although the first airplane flight in Argentina was made in 1908 by the Frenchman, Breguet, aviation in this country only really started after the Argentine military air mission in 1913. Since that time, the Argentine air force has followed the same year by British airman with Handley Page airplanes and American representatives with John Campbell's military mission arrived in 1920 with Farm, Moran and Potez machines, Argentine flying men with, Udet airplanes arrived this year.

The first flight over the Andes was made in 1919 by Lieutenant Godoy, a Chilean army officer, whose airplane was shot down by the Argentine army. The late Captain Zanni and Lieutenant Parodi, of the Argentine army, flew over the Andes in 1921, and during the same year Captain Almonacid, Argentine, flew to Santiago, Chile. Bolland, the French aviator, crossed the Andes in 1921, in a tiny monoplane in 1921. The crossing of the Andes implies a 150-kilometer flight at an altitude of 6,000 metres above sea level.

Regular air service soon will be established between Buenos Aires and Rosario, Argentina's second city. It is proposed to inaugurate regular air traffic over the River Plate to Montevideo this summer, and plans are being considered to institute an air line from Buenos Aires down to Patagonia.

England Grows Virginia Tobacco

CHURCH CROOKHAM, Eng., Dec. 29.—About 14,000 pounds of tobacco leaf have been taken off A. J. Brandon's farm near here, where eighteen acres were devoted to the growth of Virginia and Turkish leaf.

The tobacco will be manufactured at Salisbury, as in past years, and retailed out by 100 agents in London and the provinces, who testify to the excellent growth by sending in rapid reports.

Berlin Counterfeiters Protest

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Counterfeiters are adding their complaints to the general chorus about exchange. They protest because, having gone to much trouble and expense to produce spurious billion mark notes, they find, by the time these are ready for handling, that a billion marks has so little value that their enterprise was not worth while.

Swedish Prince Writes Play

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29.—Prince William of Sweden, second son of King Gustaf V, who has made a reputation as a big game hunter, a poet, and a dramatic critic, is now also a full-fledged dramatist. His first play having been accepted for production by the Swedish Theatre in Stockholm, Prince William's play is entitled "Kinnens," the word being of African origin and signifying "guide." The scenes are laid in Africa.

Athletes Will Train in Paris

BERNE, Dec. 29.—The Swiss Olympic Committee has decided to send four or five of its best men entered for the 1924 Olympic Games to train in Paris as early as April, and to remain in the French capital until the games are over. They have asked the French Olympic Committee to permit the chosen men to train at Colombes, during April, May and June, as to become familiar with the track. The permission has been granted.

SAAR CONDITIONS CAUSE ANXIETY

League of Nations Receives Report

Country is Gradually Recovering From Effects of Miners' Strike—Commission Hopeful

GENEVA, Dec. 29.—Satisfactory from some points of view, the economic and social situation of the Saar Valley territory causes anxiety from others, according to a report received by the League of Nations from the governing commission of the district.

The Saar Valley, which extends along the Franco-German frontier, was handed over to the League for control during a period of years after the inhabitants by a plebiscite decided their future political status.

The commission reports that the territory is gradually recovering from the effects of the miners' strike and that there is a large increase in the gross yield from the mines. However, the territory as a whole has not regained its prosperity, the situation being aggravated by continual difficulties in transport to the east, by the scarcity of certain raw materials and by the rise in the cost of living which began in August.

French Franc Only Money

Since June the French franc has been the only legal currency in the district, replacing the German mark. The effort of the governing commission to prevent exploitation of the currency reform at first succeeded, but in August and September what alarming increase in the cost of living set in, the main causes being the scarcity of credits, difficulties in obtaining supplies, the enormous rise of prices in Germany, and the ever-widening use of the gold unit for the establishment of prices. However, prices are now lower than in Germany. The commission has adopted measures to deal with the agitation tendency in labor circles.

Complication of results of a census taken last year shows that the total Saar population is 713,105. The surface of the territory is 188,665 kilometers.

The commissioners express belief that they will be able to cope with the problem of the cost of living and eventually succeed in balancing the budget.

The Spartans Favored Hoaxing

"harden the face" of military recruits. Hoaxing, comedy and battle, has been the order of the day for the Spartans.

Episodes of Pirate Days of Centuries Ago Are Being Re-Enacted

Today off Atlantic Coast in U.S. Government's Campaign Against Invaders of Dry Zone—Smuggling Now Is Hazardous Game—Monetary Losses Heavy

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The war of

United States' Government forces on Run Row, east of history's greatest smuggling operations, an activity that since last January has provided many thrilling stories of piracy, tragedy, comedy and battle, has nestled a rich haul in ships, liquor and men.

Conservative, unofficial estimates of the seizure by Coast Guards, Customs and Treasury Department agents, prohibition agents and policemen develop the following list: Small rum-running speed boats 150 Deep-sea craft 18 Seaplanes 1 Motor vehicles 40 Men 27,000 Bales of liquor 27,000

In addition to the seizures, coast guards caught more than 100 runners to jettison their cargoes, averaging fifty cases a boat.

Monetary Loss

The monetary loss to smugglers through these seizures is estimated at about \$5,000,000, but they only laugh this, claiming the loss to be but "a drop in the bucket" compared to the gain of successful operations.

Rum-smuggling, begun on a small scale off the New Jersey coast in 1921, was extended all along the Atlantic seaboard in 1922, and the first big anchorage of rum-carriers established in the waters south of Ambrose Lightship last January established the new famous Run Row, a location desirable for the runners of Long Island as well as for those of New Jersey. Nineteen rum boats, including three steamers, were parked on the Row at the height of the January trade, and since that time there has been always at least one rum carrier out there doing business.

Coast Guard Boats Launched

The campaign against the runners in the first month, seized at least a dozen of the craft, and smuggling became a hazardous game.

Gaps Rapidly Filled

Federal agents ashore began concerted operations against the motor truck runners, and many rich prizes fell into their hands. Still the business continued. The gaps made in the runners' ranks by captures filled like a hole dug in dry sand. Capabilities increased in number, smuggling increased in volume.

In the summer months a seaplane was employed by the runners on the Long Island shore for scout work. One day the seaplane, disabled, made a forced landing near a coast guard station and was captured.

Some of the bigger craft of the smugglers became venturesome, then, and were caught close inshore. Morning was unfolding two months ago when the coast guard cutters on rum patrol sighted the Tomoka, a British schooner, about six miles off the Jersey beach. They chased her through the haze, overhauled her and took her captain and crew, and "Rummy Bill" McCoy, the king of rum smugglers.

Palatial Craft Engaged

A week later the Dragon, a palatial cabin cruiser, equipped with radio wireless, was captured. She is said to have been the mother boat of the swarm of small runners, her duties being to warn them of impending danger and the whereabouts of the Government craft.

The latest seizure of consequence, the Dutch auxiliary schooner Zeebond, under the career of the transport, used by "Mannix" Kessler, the bootlegger king, the shore rival of McCoy. Kessler soon is to go to Atlanta to serve a term for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

HARDEN CLAIMS BERLIN CAN PAY

Fear of Hunger and Belief France Seeks to Destroy Nation Cause Attempt to Evade Reparations

LEADERS DECEPTIVE, SAYS GERMAN WRITER

Passive Resistance and Other Projects Cost More Than War Bill to 1928, He Declares

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Maximilian Harden recently declared in an interview with E. Algazy, of "Le Temps," that if the German people and those in authority in the nation had faced the situation confronting them after the war honestly, they might now have made their reparations payments up to 1928. M. Algazy saw Harden at his home in Grunewald, a suburb of Berlin.

The trouble was, he said, the German people were obsessed with two ideas, one natural and personal, the other impersonal and artificial, which motivated their every act.

"Germany can pay," said Harden. "What she spent for the passive resistance, for public works and for the maintenance of illegal troops and all the useless or secret expenditures which Germany has made up to the present she might have paid her debt up to 1928."

France's Opportunity

"France could not have refused a settlement to a nation which showed a sincere desire and an honest will to pay, to keep its promise. But official Germany has adopted, and continues to maintain, a contemptuous attitude, and largely because official Germany has the encouragement of Great Britain in such a stand."

"Great Britain must be excluded from the regulation of European Continental affairs. She has the empire, she has the money, she has the power. She wants to make our continent a mere card in the vast world game she is playing. People in Germany do not understand that Great Britain wishes to prevent at any price a Franco-German agreement—something of which she stands in the greatest fear."

Various Lowly Jobs

Worked by Germans to Increase Incomes

LEIPZIG, Dec. 29.—This is a time of by-professions in Germany. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, professors, scientists, dentists and actors, who still cling to their old callings are, for the most part, doing something else in their free time to piece out their incomes.

Stock brokerage and money-changing are popular sidelines for professional folk. All sorts of securities are in great demand among persons who wish to get rid of their marks as soon as possible, with the result that there is flourishing business for bond and securities agents, who conduct their business in a more or less secret way.

Everybody is dodging taxes, consequently there is a great demand among persons with funds to conceal their wealth.

Many professional men have also become agents for coal dealers. There are many restrictions on the use of fuel. Consequently it is bootlegged, much as foreign money is.

Manual labor is much better paid than many professions, with the result that men of excellent education are accepting positions as janitors and street cleaners.

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AERIAL FLEET TO EXPLORE ARCTIC

Shenandoah's Northern Dash to Million-Mile Waste Will Be Participated in by Smaller Craft

PIONEERS MAY SOLVE MYSTERY OF POLAR AREA

Discovery of Land, Ore and Scientific Data Is Expected to Result From Journey of American Flyers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The special board of the American navy, which is holding its fifth sessions to map out plans for the exploration of Polar regions next summer, will prepare not only for a dash to the pole by the giant dirigible Shenandoah, but will formulate extensive plans by which smaller aircraft can be dispatched from a base in Alaska on numerous excursions into the million square miles of unexplored territory lying between Point Barrow and the Pole.

Data already have been submitted to the board which show the practicability of sending the Shenandoah, probably from a base established at Nome, Alaska, to the farthest point in the Arctic Circle and return, a flying radius of less than 3,000 miles. The problem of having smaller craft board ship up through the Bering Strait to a point nearer the Pole than Nome, where a combined water and land base may be established, is now under consideration. Advocates of the plan to use smaller aircraft for a series of flights into the "blind spot," which begins less than two hundred miles north of Point Barrow, believe that a greater area of the unexplored region could be covered than possible with the single flight of the Shenandoah.

To Gather Scientific Data

A vast amount of scientific information, much of it potentially practicable to navigators, farmers and fishermen, will accrue from a well-equipped expedition to survey the Arctic region, the National Geographic Society declared today in a bulletin describing what might be expected among the discoveries which the navy's attempt may result in.

As the crew of airplane flies it is 1,287 miles from Point Barrow to the Pole and the flight path into the centre of this vast region, which is three times the size of Texas, literally nothing is known by direct observation of this expanse—not even whether it is land or water or both.

Notes of navigators along its way indicate this land exists there. Movements and age of the ice, tides and wave measurements point to that conclusion. Should land exist, the vegetation should be worthy of study; it is entirely possible the islands some day may have an economic value, and planning the American flag there may be accounted an act of foresight by future generations as it will be acclaimed a patriotic feat by living Americans.

Animal Life

Animal life abounds in the Arctic. Fish are plentiful, and as a multiplying population turns more and more to the sea for its food the submarine life of the Polar regions assumes ever-increasing importance. Oceanic mammals, especially whales and seals, emerge into reach of mankind's habitations from the Arctic outskirts.

The world's richest fisheries are located principally at places where Arctic Ocean waters meet the warmer waters of southern seas—notably off Norway, Newfoundland and Iceland. Grasses, plants and flowers that grow thousands of fathoms beneath the ice may be plucked from their hiding places for scientific study.

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Motors & Motoring

FAMOUS DURANT TEAM WILL BE DISBANDED

Chief Durant Believes Personal Competition Will Arouse Greatest Interest in Racing Contests

The Durant racing team, comprising Tommy Milton, Jimmy Murphy, Eddie Hearne, Harry Harts and others, will be disbanded and in future will race their own cars, it was announced at Los Angeles recently.

Chief Durant, "owner" of the team, announced that he believed that greater interest would be aroused in racing if each man owned and drove his own car. He believes that personal competition with the same would hold more thrills if the races were between men and not cars.

As a result, many of America's premier drivers will pilot their own machines, with their own personal reputations at stake in future, it is announced.

It has also been announced that a new and larger track will be built in Los Angeles in the near future. The Beverly Bowl site has been sold to a real estate firm and will soon be divided into building lots. The Washington's Birthday classic will be run on the old track, however, it is announced.

It is believed that Eddie Hearne and Jimmy Murphy will race in this event, and will drive in a manner seldom seen in recent years. Murphy will endeavor to even the honors with Hearne, who tossed him out of second place Thanksgiving Day, despite the fact that the latter was declared second by the judges. After the race it was decided that Hearne and not Murphy had finished the race as runner-up to Benny Hill, winner.

The beaver is easily trapped. Deaths from alcohol in the United States.

Cold Weather Advice Is Given Auto Drivers

WHEN the thermometer reads: 50 degrees above—Time for heater and coats. 40 degrees above—Time for radiator cover. 30 degrees above—Time for alcohol in car. 20 degrees above—Time for alcohol in driver. 10 degrees above—Time for priming. Zero—Time to hurry home. 10 degrees below—Time to stay home. 20 degrees below—Time to plan Summer trip.

THINGS YOU SHOULD AVOID IN JANUARY

When the car comes in out of the cold and the glass windows suddenly cover with mist, don't make the mistake that it's a good time to rub dry the glass, cleaning it simultaneously. Use water for that job. The mist may give enough moisture, but keep in mind that if you rub the glass dry, you're also rubbing in a lot of gritty dust which should be gently washed off first.

Don't drive in the ruts. It simply means that you're helping to make the road impassable through cutting the ruts to a point where a car can't get out of them at all.

Don't forget that the engine should be accelerated more than is customary when letting in the clutch and driving away from a point where the car has stood in the ice and snow for some time. The tires will tend to stick, thus encouraging a stall.

HOW TO PREVENT YOUR RADIATOR FREEZING

Anti-Freeze Solution Should Be Used Which Will Withstand Lowest Temperature Experienced Locally

There are many different kinds of compounds and solutions recommended for use in automobile radiators in winter time to keep them from freezing. An anti-freeze solution should be used which will withstand the lowest temperature generally experienced in your particular locality. If the solution is kept up to the proper strength the owner will not experience any trouble or inconvenience with the cooling system other than to add more anti-freeze from time to time.

The most common anti-freeze used is alcohol, of which two kinds are available, viz: Denatured alcohol and wood alcohol. Wood alcohol will evaporate more rapidly than denatured. Neither of the alcohols have any injurious effects on the radiator or hose connections. The alcohol vapors are practically as inflammable as those from gasoline, and customers should therefore be cautioned against using a lighted match in the radiator filler neck to ascertain how full the radiator is. Unless the car is used considerably, there is practically no evaporation of the water and the radiator should be refilled with clear alcohol before using the car on each trip. On account of lowering the boiling point by the use of alcohol, when a long trip is undertaken, it would be advisable to decrease the strength of the alcohol with the use of more water, and as soon as the destination is reached, put in more alcohol to guard against the freezing up of the cooling system.

Extreme care should be exercised when putting either alcohol or glycerine in the radiator, to not spill any on the radiator shell, hood, or other enameled parts. Alcohol will cut the finish of varnish and also has a tendency to dull or fade the finish of baked enameled parts. Glycerine also has an injurious effect.

The following tables of alcohol solutions may be of some assistance:

Water	Alcohol	Freezing Point
100	0	32 Deg.
90	10	24 "
80	20	13 "
70	30	2 "
60	40	-8 "
50	50	-14 "
40	60	-24 "
30	70	-37 "

By comparison of the two tables it will be noted that wood alcohol gives a lower freezing point than denatured. However, it must be remembered, that wood alcohol will evaporate much more rapidly than does the denatured alcohol.

NEW MODELS OF FORD CAR NOW ON DISPLAY

Latest Arrivals On View at National Motor Co. and Revercomb Motor Co. Show Many Improvements

The new models of Ford cars have reached Victoria and are on display at the National Motor Co., Ltd. and Revercomb Motors, Ltd., local Ford dealers. In the new line many improvements have been made in body lines, construction and interior arrangements.

Changes affect all the cars, so that there is a complete new line, the most conspicuous feature of which is the larger radiator, hood and cow, standard in all types and extending also to the Ford one-ton truck, bringing increased cooling efficiency generally.

Included in the new cars which have arrived here and are on display are the runabout, touring car, coupe and four-door sedan. The four-door sedan is an entirely new model which has been introduced into the Ford line. This model will be known as the "Fordor" sedan.

The coupe is entirely new in body design and construction. The exterior is trim and sturdy in appearance, the seating arrangement affords unusual comfort and there is exceptional carrying room for luggage in the rear compartment. A new style windshield, a windshield visor and cowl ventilator are details which add much to the appearance of the car and the careful observer will be pleased at the new design rear fenders. The deeply cushioned seat is divided so that the driver does not have to leave his place while the gasoline tank underneath is being filled. A small recess shelf at the rear of the seat is convenient for carrying small parcels or wraps.

The touring car appears lower and the new streamline effect also gives the slanting windshield and one-man top a more striking appearance.

SOUTH AFRICA BUYS MANY AUTOMOBILES

Expected that Over 6,000 Motor Vehicles Will Be Imported in 1923—Good Customers

South Africa is one of the leading buyers of motor products. The American Consul at Capetown reports that the predicted market for 6,000 motor vehicles in 1923 will be succeeded. During the first six months of 1923, 4,145 motor cars and 132 motor trucks were imported. Over 80 per cent of these, with the exception of United States or from Canadian factories owned by U.S. manufacturers.

Only a few New York hotels in 1923 boasted of more than one bath tub.

AUTO PRICES ARE BELOW PRE-WAR DAYS

Current Models Offer Advancement Unheard of a Few Years Ago in the Cheaper Cars

The motor car, unlike many other commodities, today is far below the pre-war price, according to a survey made by Mr. A. E. Humphries, of the A. E. Humphries Motors, Ltd., local Dodge distributors.

"Many people are of the opinion that, because the automobile of today represents a slightly greater investment in dollars and cents, it is not back to the pre-war standard," Mr. Humphries said. "However, these same people forget that drastic changes have taken place in the design, construction and equipment of the car of 1923 and the new 1924 models. They apparently overlook the progress that has been made in these respects. When the whole proposition has been boiled down to a dollar and cents basis and the car of the pre-war period is compared with the car of today the current models are below the prices of those bygone days," declared Mr. Humphries.

"For instance, in the Dodge Brothers cars, advancements have been made that were unheard of before the war. This is true of other makes of cars besides the Dodge. For instance, today we offer a car with a pantosole top, light weight pistons, cord tires, heavier frame construction, better body work, windshield wipers, self starter and innumerable other improvements that the old models did not have. When the value of these features are deducted from the price of the modern Dodge Brothers car the result will be found to be considerably lower than the pre-war prices. Furthermore, the government tax and increased freightage that the automobile manufacturer has no control over—have been added to the price and, of course, the public has to pay for them," he continued.

"The public is paying more for the automobiles they buy today but at the same time they are buying a far superior automobile. In spite of the fact they are paying less for these improvements than they would have paid in those so-called 'good old days' before the war. The automobile was the first to find its old level after the war and offer a superior product," said Mr. Humphries.

MOTOR NOTES

Jameson Motors, Limited, have been appointed Vancouver Island distributors for Studebaker cars. "We intend to appoint agencies all over Vancouver Island," stated Mr. R. Jameson yesterday, "and plan on placing Studebaker on a firm basis on the Island, as it is the intention of the Studebaker Corporation to make 1924 'another Studebaker year.'"

Another car, as yet unnamed, but which will list at \$255, is announced by Durant Motors. It will be a four-cylinder job, powered with a Continental engine, and will be built at Flint, Michigan. It will not make its debut until late in the Summer, and at present no subsidiary company has been formed to manufacture it.

"This year has been a big one for us," stated Mr. A. E. Humphries, of the A. E. Humphries Motors, Limited, local Dodge distributors, yesterday. "We reached our 1923 quota early in August, and sales right up to the present have kept up. We look to 1924 to be a banner year, and have already placed our orders in for Spring deliveries, which more than double 1923's Spring orders."

"Cannonball" Baker recently arrived in Los Angeles, after a drive across the continent in the new Oldsmobile six touring model, in high gear. The official announcement stated that an average of 23.8 miles per gallon of gasoline was attained. The new Olds models, which recently reached the city, are now on view at the Consolidated Motors (Victoria), Limited.

Sales of Nash cars for the first eight months of 1923 surpasses the mark established for the twelve months of 1922, stated Mr. Jim Wood, managing director of the Hogg Motor Co., Ltd., local Nash distributors. Since the announcement of the new Nash models in August demand has been in excess of production.

Eve Brothers announce that the Paige-Detroit Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich., are building a new plant, which will be in Victoria around the \$5,000 mark.

The Cameron Motor Company, local Federal truck distributors, reports that during the past few months there has been an increased demand for trucks. The Cameron Motor Company are now showing the 1924 Federal models.

METHOD OF MAKING TIRE PUMP PISTONS

The leather which forms the piston of a tire pump is rather difficult to form without some sort of fixture for the purpose. The leather used for most pumps is about three thirty-seconds inch thick and can readily be formed by means of a hardwood block which is drilled to the size of the pump cylinder and counter-bored to the diameter necessary to form the piston. This counter-bore should be centred with the hole and a plug is then turned to a diameter about three-sixteenths inch smaller than the hole in the block. For most all cases the leather and the counter-bore will have to be about three-quarters of an inch larger than the diameter of the pump cylinder, and in order to simplify the forming of the piston, the leather should be trimmed to a feather edge. Soft leather makes the best piston, and should be soaked in water until very soft, then lay into the counter-bore so to cut it, then with a heavy hammer drive the plug into position. Allow the leather and plug to remain in the fixture for several hours, piercing the hole in the centre after it is removed.



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DURANT SELLING PLAN REORGANIZED

Low and Higher-Priced Makes Are Separated—Eagle Will Be Ready for Market Soon

News has reached the Pacific Coast that radical changes have recently been made in the selling organization of Durant Motors, Inc. There has been a regrouping of the various Durant-built cars from a marketing standpoint whereby there will be a logical separation of the low and higher priced makes under distinct organizations to bring about greater efficiency in distribution. The Durant Four and the Star will be handled together, with four regional organizations, operating independently, which will have headquarters at Elizabeth, N.J.; Flint, Mich.; San Francisco, and Leaside, Ont. Each will have charge of a large territory.

Sales of the Locomobile, Flint, Princeton and Eagle will be handled in combination also with four regional organizations, but General Manager E. R. Jackson, of the Locomobile Company, will be in general charge of sales in all districts.

Experimental work has been practically completed in the six-cylinder Eagle, but no date has been set for putting it into production. The idea of making a four-cylinder Eagle has been abandoned. It is expected the Princeton, which probably will compete with Cadillac, will be ready for the market at a comparatively early date.

Recklessness, not speed, should be the grounds on which modern motorists are punished, is the opinion expressed by automotive authorities. Speed, while cars will lessen much of the traffic difficulty now experienced in large cities, it is claimed. The driver who is in a hurry and uses care is not a menace but a help in keeping traffic moving, authorities maintain.

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The Radio World

One of the most mysterious causes of distortion in a radio set for the average fan is overloading of tubes, especially on the audio frequency side of the receiver. It is generally brought about by his desire to obtain more volume, or else in his anxiety to reach out for further distance.

This is particularly the case with some of the more super-sensitive receivers which are now in use, such as the super-heterodyne, the neutrodyne and reflex sets. In cases where there is a tremendous amount of output from the detector tube only one stage of audio frequency amplification is needed for loud speaker operation in an ordinary living-room, and in a few cases even the detector tube will be sufficient. In these cases it is folly to use any more stages of audio than are necessary, because distortion is bound to result, and in addition the set will be using up energy that might well be conserved as a matter of ordinary economy.

Precautions Necessary

The desire to obtain distance is the chief lure of a considerable number of fans, but in seeking it the limitations of the set should be kept in mind. If the output of the detector tube is too weak, no audio amplification will bring it up without building up other noises which are not wanted. Such conditions call for head-phone reception only, and the audio should not be used beyond one stage.

Some fans who are using super-sensitive sets, destroy the very quality of those sets by employing an aerial

entirely too long for the purpose. A well-designed neutrodyne receiver, for instance, will receive local stations very well indeed without any aerial or ground connection. When used in that manner the full benefit of the selectivity of the set is obtained, and it is quite easy to go from one local station to another without the slightest semblance of interference between them. In this case two stages of audio can be used.

If an aerial and ground connection are used, the aerial should not be any longer than forty feet at the most, if selectivity is desired. In fact, such an aerial will be found sufficient for average distance reception. A longer aerial can be used for further distance, but some selectivity will be lost. The same rules apply to super-heterodyne, reflex, and radio frequency sets.

Have Limitations

Vacuum tubes, like everything else, have their limitations. There is a point beyond which they cannot go, and in pressing them too hard we are putting them in the same condition as the proverbial candle and the last straw. Of course, it is quite possible to get still louder signals, with clear, distinct reproduction, provided we use higher powered tubes, and specially designed speakers which will stand the energy which we apply to them. The average set designed for home use is not in this category, however.

There is another important point to be remembered in this respect. It is bound up in the question of cost. The more tubes that are used in a set the greater will be the current drain on both the "A" and "B" batteries. It will therefore be necessary to replace them more frequently.

Another trouble some fans experience in their endeavor to obtain greater volume is caused by putting too much voltage on the plates of their tubes. This, of course, applies to all tubes, whether they be used for radio or audio amplification, or for detection purposes.

Such excessive voltage not only causes distortion and trouble generally, but it also increases the current drain on the batteries according to Ohm's law, and thereby adds materially to the cost of operating the receiver, without any satisfactory return from that cost.

Keep Voltage Down

A little experimentation with battery voltage will soon show which is the best amount to use in all cases. It is a wise plan not to go above the amount which gives satisfactory, clear and undistorted reproduction. For the detector tube the plate voltage should never be greater than forty-five, while in the majority of cases twenty-two and one-half volts will be sufficient.

For those fans who have automatic filament control jacks in their receivers, it is a good point to remember that when they reduce the number of stages of radio frequency they are using, it is necessary to make a change in the rheostat setting, otherwise distortion will result. In fact, the rheostat should be turned down a little when the plug is pulled out of the jack, and then brought gradually up again to the desired point when the plug has been inserted in its new position.

Motor Car Inspection

Now is the time to get out and get under if you're ever going to see that everything under the car is in ship-shape. The worst drawback about winter is not the extra work the car must do, but the lack of attention it receives owing to the owner's natural reluctance to contract pneumonia. One enters upon the winter with an easy conscience, knowing that each brake rod clevis is firmly held by its cotter pin, that the body bolts are tight, the transmission drain plug screwed up tight, the stop signal and wiring intact and the spring clips and bolts given a few turns for good measure.

At a special meeting of stockholders of General Motors Corporation, held in Wilmington recently, it was voted to adopt the plan for the formation of the Managers' Securities Company. Under this plan the occupants of seventy managerial positions in General Motors, upon whom the corporation must rely for successful management of its business, will be given the opportunity to secure a partnership with the stockholders.

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SPEEDERS TO GET TESTS FOR SANITY

In Chicago, Automobile Speeders to be Treated as Psychopathic Cases—To Stopreckless Driving

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 29.—In Chicago, Mayor Dever and Dr. David Jones are going to treat automobile speeders as psychopathic cases. They are to be subjected to sanity tests. Dr. Jones will sit beside Judge Haas in the speeders' court and give mental tests to defendants.

"This is the beginning of a general survey of reckless automobile driving in Chicago," said Dr. Jones. "Truck drivers are the greatest offenders. Drink is the cause of many deaths. The Psychopathic Hospital, since prohibition went into effect, has admitted many more alcoholic cases than formerly. I should say at least twenty-five or thirty a month."

DARIO RESTA MAKES COME BACK IN SPAIN

Word From Barcelona Says Popular Speed King Wins Light Car Event in Past Time

Dario Resta, ten years ago Ralph de Palma's chief rival in Eastern track and road races, failed to "come back" at Beverly Bowl last February, crossed the pond to seek racing honors abroad.

Cables from Barcelona report his victory in the Spanish Grand Prix at 600 kilometers, which was a light car event on the Stiges track. His time was 4:22.00.

Choosing Garage Doors

While the home garage still exists on paper, no feature of its construction deserves more careful consideration than choice of a door. A poorly planned door may be a source of continual regret, while one that cannot be operated with a minimum of effort will plague the patience of a modern job. Wide openings are essential in this type of construction. Both convenience and safety demand that ample width of entrance be provided. Damaged fenders may be the price of sacrificing this detail in an effort to lower structural costs.

Rust on the Fenders

When rust appears on the outside of the fenders, beware. The next stage in the deterioration process is a hole straight through the fender. Rust does not do as much damage on the under side of a fender as one might suppose, because a coating of road dirt tends to prevent its formation. But when rust starts on the outer surface it runs a merry course and soon makes the fender look like a Swiss cheese. The remedy is a fine brush and a can of black enamel.

Double bar bumpers are good looking, but that's not the strongest point in their favor by any means. It is coming to be the thing to equip cars with bumpers front and rear, and as cars vary widely in size and frame construction, the bumper on the front of one car may be five inches higher than the one on the rear of another. Should the cars collide, their bumpers would be "fifth wheels" from the point of protection. While it is not possible to provide for every possible contingency in the connection, the double or triple bar bumper is 100 per cent more efficient as a protector of the car. Your new car should have this type.

Connecting rods usually have the bolts so close to the body of the cap that only a very thin socket wrench can be used, with the result that wrenches are frequently broken, says The Automobile Digest. A special wrench can be made if a heavy socket wrench is selected and one side is cut away. This provides sufficient clearance and, besides, the wrench with almost its original strength. Of course, the wrench cannot be given a full turn, but the nut can be drawn up tightly without the use of a chisel.

WHY SHOES GIVE OUT

The average step is 26 inches. This means 1,920 steps to the mile, or 13,440 in a five-mile day. A person weighing 160 pounds, in day has pounded into his shoes 551 tons and 600 pounds of meat, bone and trouble, and all this he carries above his shoes. Men buy pairs of shoes every year. A steel hammer, weighing 150 pounds, coming down at that rate for four months, would have to be renewed each day, and, indeed, to be fished out of the deepest hole in the earth at the end of the four months. No wonder shoes wear out. But what about the poor feet that have to carry this load and this incessant pounding?

Out of 200 bones in the human body, over 50 are in the feet. And, as if one tooth aches—it is enough—so if one bone in the foot is strained or not properly supported, it causes pain, discomfort, and nerve troubles, not only locally, but its effect is felt throughout the entire system.

Great was the shock at the revelation of hundreds of thousands of cases of fallen arches and other foot deformities during the war, and the public is now seeking shoes which "support" as well as cover the foot. Special attention is now given to proper support of the arch, not by props and inserts in ordinary shoes, but in the basic construction of the shoe itself. Of these there are two principles followed—the rigid shank under the foot arch and the flexible shank, allowing the foot freedom as if barefooted. But a combination of the rigid and the flexible method is found in one shoe which has a spring steel support inside the sole extending from the heel to just beneath the scaphoid bone, supporting it and the metatarsal bones of the foot. The virtue of this is that it allows the foot arch full flexibility of movement, while acting as a support at the proper point. This shoe not only covers and adorns the foot, but it defends and protects the arch.

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MELLON PROPOSALS AFFECTING CANADA

U.S. REDUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO REDUCTIONS HERE

Twenty-Five Per Cent in Tax on Earned Income Is Suggested

OTTAWA.—The tax reduction proposals that have been brought out by the United States Congress by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon are causing some concern among revenue officials here, especially in view of the growing amount of attention, throughout the Dominion, being given to the increasing costs of the public service, says The Financial Times. Particular interest is being taken in the proposals to amend the income tax.

The United States Secretary of the Treasury proposes a 25 per cent cut in the tax on earned income. Another proposal is that where the present normal tax is 4 per cent, it shall be reduced to 3; where it is at present eight, it shall be six. Another considerable slice is to be taken off the surtaxes. The estimated savings through the reductions in income taxes alone are put at nearly \$200,000,000.

Government Concerned

The Government is concerned because of the knowledge that it cannot continue to collect on this side of the line, rates of income tax that are much higher than those on the other side, particularly when so much of the Canadian taxes go into "wasteful" expenditures.

Some time ago it was frankly admitted by a member of the cabinet that the cost of civil government in Canada could be reduced at least one-third without impairing the efficiency.

In addition to the changes in income tax, Mr. Mellon proposes to cut out all the "nuisance taxes" such as those on telegrams, telephones, etc., which have been carried much further and which are a source of serious irritation in Canada.

Cut May Come Soon

Of course, the trouble will not become real until the Mellon proposals

are adopted by Congress, but reports here are to the effect that opinion favorable to them is growing very strong, and there is a possibility of their being put through revenue officials here, especially in force by the New Year.

It is thought that if reductions were made in Canadian income taxes to the same extent as that proposed by Mr. Mellon, it would cut the

revenue from this source by about 40 per cent.

Startling facts are brought out in a study of the trend of the respective income taxes of Canada and the United States. Our neighbors have been able to reduce taxation because they have reduced national expenses by cutting out national wastes. It has been estimated that a Canadian family with a \$2,000 yearly income

must pay \$400 of this in taxation alone.

A 6,000-mile automobile tour of Africa is being organized in France, using cars equipped with caterpillar treads and new semi-diesel engines. One of the conditions of the trip is that the drivers use only the fuel available.

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Plays and Players

Jack Coogan Appears In a Thrilling Picture

First Metro Production Under \$1,500,000 Contract, Showing Boy Star in Regal Splendor, Amid Scenes of Thrilling Dramatic Power, Is Feature Presentation at Dominion Theatre This Week—One of the Year's Biggest Pictures

"LONG Live the King" is Jackie Coogan's first Metro production. It's the production that the public all over the world have been looking for since they read of the famous \$1,500,000 contract made for the boy star with Metro, after a bonus of \$500,000 was paid to get the contract signed.

It's a production that cost \$600,000 to make. The settings are on a monumental scale that befit the regal magnificence of the story.

But the story's the main thing, and "Long Live the King" is far and away the greatest picture that Jackie has ever had. It was selected from thousands that were under consideration, not only because it gave Jackie the most wonderful opportunity of his career, but because of its own marvelous dramatic power.

Mary Roberts Rinehart

The author, Mary Roberts Rinehart, is universally acclaimed as the most popular American writer of the day. Theatre audiences know her as the author of "The Bat," "Spanish Love," and "Seven Days," and readers of novels and short stories are always looking forward to her newest successes. But "Long Live the King" surpasses everything she has ever done.

The reason it has never been screened before is that there is only one person in the world who could do justice to it—and that's Jackie Coogan himself.

You know and we know that the eight-year-old boy's popularity was never greater than it is today. Jackie's place in the public's heart is absolutely unique, not only in the intensity but in the universality of the adoration he inspires in persons of all ages and every condition all over the world. Never in all history has there been an individual in any walk of life so much beloved as this youngster.

Yet it is not only the child whom the world loves, but Jackie Coogan, the inimitable, unequalled artist.

This boy prince of the films has come into his own in "Long Live the King." It's a film masterpiece.

MAINE COAST SCENE OF COLUMBIA FILM

"The Face on the Bar-Room Floor" Is Picturized by Company, Headed by Henry Walthall

"The Face on the Bar-Room Floor" is coming to the Columbia Theatre for a three-day's engagement commencing tomorrow.

The scenes were taken off the rocky coast of Maine during a gale that destroyed more than a score of fishing and other craft. The boat from which the scenes were taken seemed threatened with disaster on more than one occasion, according to those on board.

"The Face on the Bar-Room Floor" which was directed by Jack Ford, who will be remembered as the director of "The Village Blacksmith," and other Fox successes, features a notable cast of screen artists, including Henry B. Walthall, "The Little Colonel" of "Birth of a Nation" fame; Ruth Clifford, star of both serial and regular features; Alma Bennett, recognized as one of the most beautiful and talented actresses in motion pictures; Harry Gribbon, for years a star in various comedy productions and numerous others of equal fame.

The picture, it is claimed, is replete with thrills, including: in addition to the terrific storm at sea a sensational outbreak among the prisoners in a penitentiary; their thrilling escape over the prison walls; the daring leap for life of one of the fugitives; and numerous other scenes destined to make the audience sit on the end of the seats.



STELLA DE METTE
Who is Appearing With the San Carlo Grand Opera at the Royal Victoria Theatre Next Wednesday and Thursday

CHERNIAVSKYS TO APPEAR IN RECITAL AT CAPITOL FRIDAY

The celebrated Cherniavsky Trio, who have in other years made themselves so very popular through their playing in British Columbia, are returning here, and will give a performance at the Capitol Theatre, Friday, January 4.

It is over two years since these wonderful artists have played in Canada. Since that time they have been in Europe and have appeared in successful concerts in the different capitals of Europe, and particularly London, where they gave four very famous recitals, which were a tremendous success, and where the critics overwhelmed them with praise.

The London Daily Mail says in part: "The Cherniavsky Brothers, Leo (violinist), Jan (pianist), and Mischel (cellist). These three extraordinarily gifted musicians gave not only fresh evidence of their brilliant powers as soloists in their concert yesterday, but showed splendid musicianship and a perfect unanimity in trios by Beethoven and Mendelssohn."

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen
Capitol—Edward Horton in "To the Ladies."

Columbia—Henry B. Walthall in "The Face on the Bar-Room Floor."

Dominion—Jackie Coogan in "Long Live the King."

Playhouse—"To Have and to Hold," starring Betty Compton and Bert Lahr.

Royal—"Ponjola," starring Anna Q. Nilsson.

The Stage
Royal—San Carlo Grand Opera, Wednesday and Thursday.

LAUGHS GALORE IN "HIS SMOTHERED LOVE"

Marie Prevost and Chester Conklin Are Leading Lights in Laugh-Maker Produced by Paramount

A good clean comedy, according to physicians, is worth an army of physicians. If that be true, then "His Smothered Love," the newest Paramount-Mack Bennett comedy, featuring Chester Conklin, Harry Gribbon and Marie Prevost, is worth two armies of Eccelesiastians. It follows, therefore, that if you want to laugh and grow fat, you should see "His Smothered Love" at the Playhouse Theatre for three days commencing tomorrow.

The story of the comedy has to do with a romping-minded street car conductor who pursues a wealthy girl with his attentions and who hopes to win her by parading as a Count. The ruse might have been successful had not the conductor callously short-changed the mother of his sweetheart, and she exposes him and puts him to flight. When the girl is married, the conductor savagely sends her a bottle of wine which he had poisoned, and when remorse seizes him, he begins a wild chase for the recovery of the wine.

This is prolific of side-splitting situations of which the actors in the comedy make the most. The comedy is a scream which will afford infinite amusement to all who see it.

Cyrus McCormick's first reaper was sneered at as an impractical device.



JAMES KIRKWOOD AND ANNA Q. NILSSON

Who Are Playing the Title Role in "Ponjola," the First National Production Showing at the Royal Victoria Theatre Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of This Week.

PRIMA DONNA GIVES SOME ADVICE ON VOICE CULTURE

"It is surely a very agreeable and pleasant change to play one part for an entire season, as I am now doing with Ed. Wynn. 'The Perfect Fool,' said Nydia D'Araoz. 'My long experience in vaudeville has, however, fitted me for almost any part within my sphere. Each play means a different character and I try to show my interpretation of each with my voice.'

"When I was a little girl I had a desire to know what could be done with the voice, and I used to read aloud by the hour. I hunted up books on elocution and practised different expressions—love, hate, sorrow, sympathy, satisfaction and the like—and I found that I could do almost anything I liked with my voice. And now I still do all my parts aloud; it helps me to know and love each character and rounds out my speaking voice."

A low, soft voice is the most attractive thing in the world, and not only for the actress but for the woman everywhere. To locate the trouble with your voice, read a few stanzas of poetry out loud and you will soon discover what is wrong; then it is a simple matter to correct the fault.

A simple tone exercise, running up and down the keys of the piano at the same time helps a great deal, and the same time helps a great deal.

"Breathing exercises are splendid. Take long, deep breaths—twenty or thirty of them at a time—and speak your sentences slowly, with a short wait between each word. The next thing is pronunciation, which will give you confidence and a fuller volume in a very short time."

Ed. Wynn, in "The Perfect Fool," comes to the Royal Victoria Theatre for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10.

RUGGLES STAR NOW PLAYS TO THE LADIES

Edward Horton's Stage Career Began at Columbia University—Achieved Fame in His Last Picture

Vital statistics of Brooklyn, N.Y., have it that Edward Horton was born there in 1884, whereas the Edward Horton known to film fans far and near was in reality born at college. To make it a little clearer, his career as an actor had its inception in the 1910 class play of Columbia University. Up to that time his studies carried him a little nearer one of the professions—doctor, lawyer, minister, something—Horton has almost forgotten which, but the triumph he scored with his part in the play, "In Newport," decided his future. From that time on he was out for an actor.

In the nine years that followed he tackled light opera, barn-stormed from New York to St. John's, Newfoundland, became an accomplished track-walker, earned at first the magnificent salary of \$11 a week, and after experiences worth many thousands in practical value joined the Orpheum Players, then holding forth in the Chestnut Street Theatre, a place condemned by the fire department and now only a memory.

As "Ruggles" in "Ruggles of Red Gap," Horton achieved a name for himself as one of the screen's most talented comedians, and his work in the picture was rewarded with a leading part in "To the Ladies," also a Paramount picture produced by James Cruze and coming to the Capitol Theatre this week. In Rimdon Horton is known as a "regular fellow," absorbed in his work but not too engrossed to relax when he gets a change.

"PONJOLA" COMING TO ROYAL MONDAY

Cynthia Stockley's Famous Novel Shown on Screen With Anna Q. Nilsson and James Kirkwood

"Ponjola," First National picture version of Cynthia Stockley's widely-read story of the same title, which opens at the Royal Theatre on Monday, is as near to picture perfection as any photoplay that has been seen in this city for many months.

It is a picture that is not going to prove disappointing to those who read the book. Rather are the readers going to like the play even better than the story.

Its story treats of an English noblewoman (a part played by Anna Q. Nilsson) who, heartbroken, seeks to hide her identity by masquerading as a man. She goes into a man's world, among the gold miners of Rhodesia.

There she meets a man who had saved her from self-destruction months before. Disappointed in love the man is slowly losing his soul to the black curse of the country, ponjola, a native drink.

Unrecognized by the man she sets out to redeem him, a course which is beset with exciting adventures. She fights the curse single handed, and fights those who seek to destroy the man.

There are a number of unique incidents in the play which are entirely new to pictures, one especially. This is where one of the characters, a designing type of "vamp" practices her charm on the heroine, believing, of course, that she is a man.

Miss Nilsson makes a convincing man. The illusion is perfect. One forgets, while watching the film, that the character is that of a woman, so remarkable is she in her enactment of this difficult role.

The part of Lundl Drure, the drink-sodden hero, is admirably played by James Kirkwood, who has proved himself a master in the portrayal of such parts. Joseph Kilgour is excellent in the "heavy" role. The other parts are capably done by Ruth Clifford, Edw. in Sturgis, Claire McDowell, Claire Du Brey and Bernard Randall.

Charge of Abduction Laid Against Leader United Mine Workers

EDMONTON, Dec. 29.—William Ryan, president of the U.M.W.A., arrested yesterday on a charge of abducting three men who were proceeding to work in the region of Mile 48, Alberta Coal branch, where a strike is in progress, has been released here on bail. Personal bonds of \$5,000 and \$1,000 in cash provided by the U.M.W.A. were put up to secure his appearance in the police court Monday afternoon.

An airplane engine has trouble at excessive altitudes on account of the rarified atmosphere.

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YEAR'S FIRST WEEK SETS HIGH PLANE

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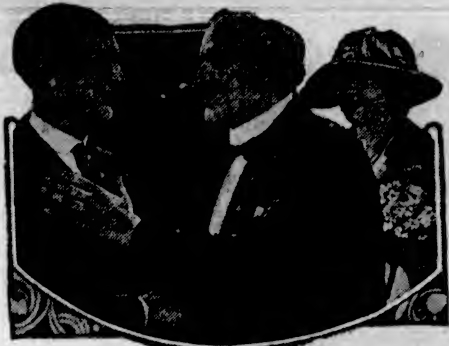
Victoria, musically speaking, will set itself a pace this first week of 1924 which will be hard to equal during the year.

For, on Wednesday and Thursday, or that is directly after the excitement of the year's celebration, and things are down to working bands, the Royal Victoria will for the nonce be the Metropolitan Opera House of British Columbia.

The San Carlo Grand Opera Company, direct from a continental tour of the States which has been marked by the most extraordinary successes in the musical history of the new world, is to sing here in two operas, "Rigoletto" and "Madame Butterfly," the closing performances.

They are the same in every respect to the performances which filled the Century Theatre, New York City (5,000 seats), for nine performances.

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EDWARD HORTON, THEODORE ROBERTS AND HELEN JEROME EDDY
In the Paramount Picture, "To the Ladies," Showing at the Capitol Theatre This Week.

a week for five weeks, three weeks of nine performances a week at the Boston Opera House (5,000 seats), two weeks of nine performances each at the Philadelphia Metropolitan Opera House (5,000 seats), and so across the continent.

Consuelo Escobar is still singing the leading feminine role of "Rigoletto," and Haru Onuki the leading role of "Madame Butterfly." Mario Valle is still the American consul in

the Japanese epic, and Stella de Mette, Demetrio Onofre, Mario Basola, Pietro di Biazzi are still the principals in the Verdi opera.

Anita Kilmova is still the Suzuki, and Natale Cervi the marriage broker, and Carlo Peroni is still the conductor—only in the case of Victoria he will conduct both performances instead of giving the baton to one of his assistants for half the appearances as he does elsewhere.

There are still a hundred in the company, still the same fine symphonic orchestra, still the same excellent singing scenery, and the same number of the great art critic declared in Boston to be out equal amongst touring opera companies.

In summary the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, which is breaking its precedents in giving less than a week of performances in any city in the case of British Columbia, is exactly the same excellent ensemble which Fortune Gallio used to win the extravagant applause of public, press and musical world.

It might be a good suggestion to readers that they prepare for the greatest possible enjoyment of the two operas by now going to the library and reading the stories of the two dramas, and going to their phonographs or the phonograph dealers and hearing the best known of the melodies—for instance, the Quartette, Donna Mobile, Caro Nome and others in "Rigoletto," and "One Fine Day" and the "Interlude of the Orchestra" in "Butterfly."

PAVLOVA GAINS GREAT RECEPTION AT COVENT GARDEN

When Anna Pavlova, fascinating daughter of terpsichore, appeared at Covent Garden, London, recently, following her globe-encircling tour, she achieved one of the most extraordinary triumphs of her unique career. She had danced herself 'round the world, visiting many strange lands and enchanting many strange peoples. Pavlova makes London her home, her place known as "Ivy House," being a beautiful and spacious home on the outskirts of the metropolis. Londoners had not had opportunity to enjoy the wizardry of her tip-toe art for two years, and when the dancer appeared it was like a great royal welcome, following her visits to such age-old cities as Bombay, Calcutta, Alexandria, Cairo, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore and others. Vast audiences such as only the greatest world community can turn out welcomed Pavlova, receiving her with the most unusual acclaim.

After a fortnight's engagement in London, Pavlova, with her entire Paris and London personnel, sailed for America, opening her tour in this country at the Manhattan Opera House. Here again the danseuse was received with clamorous applause, her every exit being followed by insistent curtain calls, while bouquet after bouquet were piled at her feet. Pavlova's tour, comprising one hundred cities, and including Montreal, Toronto, Victoria and Vancouver, was entirely booked within a period of two weeks following announcement that she would return to American shores.

Pavlova's Victoria visit, on Tuesday, January 8, is an event rich in promise for all who love grandeur and beauty in musical and terpsichorean art, and the star has arranged one of her most attractive programmes.

RECORD 500 PARTY BY WARD 2 CONSERVATIVES

The regular weekly military 500 and dance of Ward 2 Conservatives was held last Thursday night in the association rooms, Campbell Building, there being sixty-six tables in play, which proved to be a record in this city for military 500. The committee had made special arrangements to handle such a crowd, as the week before over two hundred and fifty were turned away. This week they had secured not only the large hall and billiard-room, but also rented the rooms on the floor below used by the Victoria Club. The lucky ones who secured prizes were as follows:

First Table—Mrs. D. Fulton, Mrs. Davis, V. J. Dunn and J. Gries.
Second Table—Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Holmes, W. Logie and J. A. Crossman.
Third Table—Mrs. Emma Hord, Mrs. Carson, M. L. Beckett and G. W. North.

Ten Bid—Mrs. Rennie and R. Currey.

Tombola Prizes—First, Miss J. Watt, who won half ton of coal, followed by Mrs. H. Burley, Mrs. J. Hetherington, R. Berry, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Mitchell, all the above five receiving a large fat turkey.

Great credit is due the committee for the able manner in which the affair was conducted. The M.C. announced that for Thursday's game the usual scrip prizes as well as ten free tombolas, which will include five large turkeys and five chickens. After distribution of the prizes the floor was cleared for dancing to the strains of Mrs. Gleason's orchestra, which was kept up till 12 o'clock. "God Save the King" finished the best night, Ward 2 ever had.

Avananches Continue

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—Avananches are coming down the passes at greater frequency than any time during the last ten years. Many buildings have been destroyed and in some cases whole families have been killed while asleep.

Gossip of Stage and Screen

Mrs. Dorothy Park Benjamin Caruso Ingram, widow of Caruso and now the bride of Captain Ernest Ingram, arrived with her new husband in New York last week. They will be at the St. Regis for six weeks, following which they will go to Rome for the Winter. Mrs. Ingram said that while Gloria, her daughter, was still too young to determine yet whether she had inherited a singing voice from her famous father, she was confident that the child, as she grows, will sing, and for this reason she is to have every opportunity that money and talent can furnish.

The bronze plate to have been erected over the grave of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt in France in March has been found to be too large for that purpose and it may mean that another one must be made. The design of the medal was secured by the Orpheum circuit in a movement which was widely chronicled in the newspapers and advertised through slides and lobby and programme advertising in Orpheum theatres.

Dorothy Dalton, one of the screen's super-stars, will make her debut in Keith vaudeville this Winter in Sir James Matthew Barrie's curtain-raiser, "Half Hour," in which Maria Tempest and Ethel Barrymore appeared at various times.

A thousand-dollar prize will be given by Cosmopolitan Press, publishers of "Crucibles of Crime," by Joseph P. Fishman, for the best play, motion picture scenario or novel story adaptable into a play or scenario on the American jail as a force in the creating of criminals and the fostering of crime. The judges of the contest include Ludwig Lewisohn, author and editor of The Nation; Minnie Maddern Fiske, well-known actress; Carl Van Doren, literary editor of The Century Magazine; Dean George W. Kirkham, formerly of Columbia University.

Ida Clyde Clarke, associate editor of Pictorial Review, and Jesse Lasky, of the Famous-Players Lasky Corporation, There also will be a theatrical producer on the board whose name will be announced later. The \$1,000 will go to the best manuscript, but the five "most best" will be marketed if possible by Cosmopolitan Press and the entire remuneration given to the author. The contest is open to residents of all countries, provided the manuscript is written in English. It is likely that "Crucibles of Crime" will appear in serial form during the period of the contest, the termination date of which has not yet been decided on.

Boni & Liveright will have in circulation shortly an Eva Le Gallienne edition of "The Swan." Ferens Molnar's play now showing at the Cort Theatre, New York, Miss Le Gallienne's photograph will appear on the jacket of the book.

Because of unpleasant experiences with the famous Isadora Duncan when they appeared in Boston last season, Mayor Curley of that city took rigid precautions to see that the dancer's disciples, billed as the Duncan Sisters, who gave a recital there, deported themselves within the bounds of Bostonian propriety. The Duncan girls danced at Smith College in Northampton, on the evening previous to their Boston engagement, and Mayor Curley took advantage of the opportunity to dispatch the city censor to Northampton for the purpose of gassing on the performance. The censor's report was favorable and the girls were allowed to appear in Boston.

To Join Revolutionists
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 29.—Herman Rasmussen, Mexican consul here, announced this morning that he was leaving for Mexico today to join the revolutionists.



LEO CHERNIANSKY
The Dramatic Violinist

Who Is Playing With the Cherniarsky Trio at the Capitol Theatre Next Friday Evening.

COOLIDGE CHANGES SHIPPING POLICY

Resignation of Chairman of United States Shipping Board Accepted as Result of Senate Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Definite recommendations as to changes in shipping board policies and the resignation of Chairman Edward P. Farley, necessitating reorganization of shipping board personnel, were presented to President Coolidge. The recommendations for alteration of the board policies, submitted by Chairman Jones, of the senate

commerce committee, at the president's request, include proposals to have administration of the government merchant fleet divorced from the board and placed under the emergency fleet corporation to extend to the coastwise shipping laws to the Philippines to co-ordinate water and rail transportation to a much greater extent, than now obtains, and to formulate a plan for replacement of the present tonnage.

Mr. Farley presented his resignation as the result of the adverse action of the senate commerce committee on his nomination, which he yesterday asked Mr. Coolidge to withdraw. The resignation is effective at the pleasure of the President and it was said at the White House that Mr. Farley would be asked to stay until several pending matters were cleared up.

ANNOUNCE LECTURES IN EXTENSION SERIES

Prominent Speakers to Appear Before Association During Balance of Season—Subjects Varied

With the arrangement of a lecture to fill the vacancy caused by the cancellation by Dr. Sedgewick of his lecture engagements, the local University Extension Association are able to announce their list of lectures for the balance of this season. The dates, subjects and lecturers are as follows:

January 3—"Unconscious Mind," Dean Coleman.
January 11—"Benedetto Croce and the New Criticism," Mr. F. Larsen.
January 18—"Conscious Mind: or the Psychology of Thinking," Dean Coleman.
February 11—"Artistic Lying," Dr. F. C. Walker.
February 18—"The Group Mind," Dean Coleman.
March 10—"How to Judge a Book," Miss M. L. Bolter, M.A.
March 18—"The Measurement of Mind," Dean Coleman.
Members and friends are asked to keep this list for reference.

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VICTORIA FORMS MUSICAL CENTRE

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC ESTABLISHES BRANCH HERE

World-Famous Institution Places Advantages Within Reach of Local Students of Music

Teachers of music and students alike will be interested to learn that the Trinity College of Music, London, the oldest examining body in the musical world, has authorized the formation of a local centre here, with Madame Kate Webb, M.B.E., as local secretary.

There has been a centre at Van-

cover for some years, but although many of the Victoria teachers hold Trinity College diplomas, and have in other parts prepared pupils for the Trinity examinations, it was not until some two months ago, that the college appointed a strong local committee, and made arrangements to form a local centre, with all the advantages to be derived from the fact that local students can obtain these valuable diplomas.

The professional diplomas to be conferred are A.T.C.L. (Associate, Trinity College, London); L.T.C.L. (Licentiate); and V.T.C.L. (Fellowship); qualifications which are recognised the world over as among the most valuable in the musical profession.

The examination scheme also provides for every pupil from the "first steps" stage, up to all branches of music and elocution. The theory and harmony examinations are written twice a year, and the practical examinations take place in June.

A pleasing feature of the local examinations held by the college is that there is usually a prize list offered to each locality, and for British subjects many valuable scholarships are available.

History of Trinity College

The college owes its existence to some half dozen far-seeing enthusiasts, who, fifty years or so ago, were actuated by a sincere interest in the betterment of musical education. The world wide influence of the college today exceeds all they hoped to attain; but it must be remembered that to them is the credit. Trinity College had the good fortune from the first to secure the co-operation of men whose undiminished confidence in their art, no less than the personal esteem in which they were held, was a convincing guarantee that whatever they undertook, their work would be efficient and impartial.

Among those who have from time to time placed their services at the disposal of the college may be mentioned Sir John Goss, Sir Julius Benedict, Henry Smart, Elms Reeves, Michael Maybrick, Dr. Bonavia Hunt, Dr. E. H. Turpin, Dr. E. J. Hopkins, Charles Stegall, Sir George Elvey, Sir Herbert A. Oakley, the Rev. Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Bart., Dean Vaughan, Sir Hubert Parry, Henry Gadsby, Sir Joseph Barnby, John T. Carrodus, Ebenezer Prout, Sir Michael Costa, John Francis Barnett, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Walter Macfarren, Guido Pappalardo, and many others equally famous.

In 1902, the college presented the sum of £5,000 to the University of London to establish a university chair of music. His Majesty King Edward was graciously pleased to permit the use of the title, "The King Edward Professorship of Music," and the first professor elected was Sir Frederick

Bridge, C.V.O., M.A., Mus. Doc., who is now vice-president and chairman of the board of the college. Trinity College is now a school of the University of London.

Local Originators

It is a source of gratification to Trinity College that the work it initiated, and the results it has attained, have stimulated other great musical institutions to follow where its founders were the first to venture. It welcomes the healthy rivalry that compels them all to be keenly alert to every opportunity of increasing their efficiency, and rendering the best services in their power to the art and practice of music.

The college has today about six hundred local centres, and examines some fifty thousand candidates every year, and the number is ever increasing.

The committee appointed by the college to promote their interests here consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Eleanor Barfoot, A.H.T.C.L., L.R.A.M. (chairman); Miss T. Archibald, Poplars School; Mrs. Brenton Boulton, A.R.C.M.; Mrs. L. W. Cockett, M.B.E.; Miss N. E. Mylam, M.B.C.E.; Miss Gladys Shrapnel, gold medalist, Brussels Conservatoire; Major A. E. Hopkins; Mr. C. V. Milton, Cranleigh House School; local secretary, Madame Kate Webb, M.B.E., from whom the 1924 syllabus may be obtained.

MR. HINCKS WILL PRESENT COMEDIES AT PLAYHOUSE AGAIN

Do you remember "The Ring Boys," "The Country Club," "The Millionaire," and all the other Playhouse musical comedies? They are coming back again, but not quite in the same form and not at the same price.

The modern public wants variety. It does not want to spend the whole evening at one thing. That is why all the big picture houses engage added attractions. Above all, the public wants a show where there is something doing all the time, with no waits and into which they can walk at any moment between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and still see the whole show right through.

To supply this want, the Playhouse management has entered into an arrangement with Mr. Reginald Hincks, who will produce musical dramatic and variety shows twice nightly every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a matinee on Saturday. This will be in addition to the feature picture.

The first of these performances will be the adaptation of that well-known and justly popular musical comedy, "The Geisha."

"The Geisha." The production of this classic is too familiar and delightful for any further comment to be necessary, and the dialogue from the capable pen of Mr. Hincks is just brim full of fun from start to finish.

The first performance will take place on Thursday, January 3, 1924.

STORM DOES DAMAGE ABOUT PORT ALBERNI

Wires Downed by Gale—Merchants Do Well During Christmas Season

PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 29.—Although the severe storm of Monday night was hardly felt locally, a lot of damage was done on the Canadian Highway from here to Nanaimo. Trees were blown down across the road and all telegraph and telephone lines were put out of commission. The train on Christmas Day was four hours late arriving here.

The storekeepers of Port Alberni report having experienced the best Christmas trade for many years, a rush business being done on both Saturday and Christmas Eve. The merchants of Alberni suffered from the effects of the longshoremen's strike, not so much money being in circulation owing to the time the strike has been maintained.

Owing to the damage done the waterworks and system of the Port Alberni municipal waterworks during the bad storm on December 12, constant trouble has been experienced in the past two weeks with the valves of the system becoming clogged with gravel and other substances that got into the pipes. The system at present is shut off for forty-eight hours to enable the pipes and valves to be cleared.

Royal Oak Receives Heavy Holiday Mail

ROYAL OAK, Dec. 29.—During the seven days preceding Christmas Day, 185 bags of mail came to Royal Oak for distribution in the district. Undue congestion was avoided by the fact that the bulk of the British mail, which is always heavy, arrived five days before the holiday.

Drive Yourself PHONE 1 CLOSED CARS



Jackie Coogan in a Scene From "Long Live the King," the Feature Presentation at the Dominion Theatre This Week

DUNCAN GROWS AS TELEPHONE TOWN

NEW OFFICE TO HANDLE INCREASING CONVERSATIONS

Handsome Building Will Speed Communication—Good Conditions Bring About Improvement

The opening of the new office at Duncan marks a change in the method of telephoning in that exchange of the B. C. Telephone Company. Heretofore, the magneto system has prevailed, but now the common battery or central energy system is used. This is similar to the system in Victoria, where the receiver is simply taken from the hook to get central.

The cut-over of the new exchange took place last night and was satisfactory in every respect. Several of the officials of the B. C. Telephone Company were on hand to see that everything was in place, and the transition from one system to the other was made without interruption in the service. For some days past a gang of installers have been making the necessary changes in the instruments in the residences and business places, so that all was in readiness for the switchover.

Consequent upon the adoption of the new system, there has been a necessary rearrangement of numbers of subscribers, and to avoid inconvenience to telephone users in Duncan a supplemental directory has been issued by the company. This was distributed immediately prior to the cut-over, with instructions how to use the new telephone.

The new telephone building at Duncan is of brick with stone facing and is somewhat similar in construction to those of the company at North Vancouver and Seals, being an acquisition to the architecture of the town. Being built for telephone purposes, it is entirely fireproof, which will safeguard continuity of service.

That a new building and new equipment is necessary at Duncan indicates the continued expansion of that district. There has been a considerable increase in the number of telephone stations, and while logging activity has been marked in the Cowichan Lake region there is also the greater agricultural production which is the particular basis of good conditions in and around Duncan.

Comox Hotel Visited By Father Christmas

COMOX, Dec. 29.—The Christmas festivities at the Elk Hotel proved more popular than ever this year. In the afternoon thirty-four kiddies, with their parents, had great fun with the Christmas tree, when Captain Richardson assumed the role of Father Christmas and gave all the children a present. Then followed games, which were thoroughly enjoyed by old and young. The afternoon was brought to a fitting close by the singing of carols by Miss Florence Reid's kindergarten class, the audience joining lustily in the last one—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."

In the evening sixty guests sat down to an excellent dinner in two sittings, and afterwards were convulsed with laughter at the antics of the amateur of the party who put on an amateur vaudeville show. The party terminated with an informal dance, the Three B's orchestra supplying splendid music.

NANAIMO COUNCIL

NANAIMO, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the City Council last evening, a communication was received from Hon. Wm. Sloan, enclosing amendments to the Municipal Clause Act, in which Section 19 allows the municipality of Nanaimo to use its share of pari-mutual and motor licence money for local improvements.

A cheque amounting to \$11,528.93 was received from Mr. E. D. Johnson, Deputy Minister of Finance, as Nanaimo's share of motor licence and pari-mutual receipts.

Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, of Victoria, stated that he had been served with a notice of appeal in the case of Scott vs. City of Nanaimo. Mr. McDiarmid will be instructed to defend the action for the city.

The waterworks manager reported that the new Government bridge over the Nanaimo River was at present in danger of being washed away. A large log had lodged against the cement pier, and a jam was liable to be formed.

Ald. Randle moved that the question of dangerous railway crossings in the city be taken up with the railway commissioners at once. He stated the Comox Road crossing, where a recent accident had occurred, was not the only dangerous crossing. He instanced Fitzwilliam, Wentworth and Kennedy streets. The motion carried.

NANAIMO WEDDING

NANAIMO, Dec. 29.—Mr. Robert Sherwood, of Extension, B.C., and Miss Clara Hiquedrin, of Ladysmith, were married at St. Paul's Church yesterday by the Rev. S. Hyatt. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Rose Thomas, of Extension, the groom being supported by Mr. Manuel Inouart, of Ladysmith. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood are spending their honeymoon on the Mainland, after which they will take up their residence at Biggleswick.

OLD-TIMERS GATHER AT SAANICH DANCE

Pioneers of Peninsula Hold Second Get-Together Function—Early Scenes Pictured

SAANICHTON, Dec. 29.—The second annual pioneers' dance, held last night in the Agricultural Hall, was a grand success. There was a very large crowd present, many of them old-timers, who had not been seen at any festivity for years.

Mr. E. John, president of the Pioneer Society, opened the evening with a short address, after which Mr. A. Maynard, of Victoria, gave an exhibition of lantern slide pictures of Victoria in the old days, and also in more recent days.

At the conclusion of the pictures, the dance opened with the old-fashioned square dances, which were well patronized. The old steps, such as the Danish polka, Bon-Ton, and many others, were all enjoyed, although, to suit the tastes of the younger generation, some of the new tunes were also given.

A real old-time supper was given, the tables being laden with dainties. Those in charge were: Mrs. F. Turgoose, Mrs. T. Harrison, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mrs. E. John, and Mrs. Verdier, assisted by the younger ladies.

A pleasing ceremony took place when Mr. W. Armstrong, the oldest pioneer present, was presented with a walking stick, and Mrs. W. Richardson with a beautiful bouquet as a slight memento of the occasion. Mrs. Mae Dean gave the gift to Mr. John, who in turn presented them to the recipients, who expressed their pleasure and thanks. Dancing was kept up until early morning. All

BAND PROGRAMME AT THE CAPITOL TONIGHT

Fourth of Season's Concerts by Sixteenth Canadian Scottish Will Introduce Three Solists

This evening's programme at the Capitol Theatre will be the fourth concert by the 16th Canadian Scottish Band, which is playing by permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Ughart, M.C., D.S.O., A.D.C. The solists of the evening are to be Mrs. W. D. McDonald, who is well-known to local concert-goers; Mr. J. J. Matheson, a baritone; and Bandman T. Raine, who will give trombone solos. Mr. Matheson is appearing at one of these concerts for the first time. The special band numbers will be the Overture of Ruy Blas, Toban's composition and the Regan Military Fantasia.

Home Bank President In Precarious Condition

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—H. J. Daly, president of the Home Bank, who with nine directors and officials of the institution, face several charges in connection with its suspension several months ago, is again seriously ill. He has been removed from his residence to St. Michael's Hospital.

T. N. Phelan, K. C., counsel for Mr. Daly in the charges preferred against him, stated that the banker was in serious shape and that he was suffering from nervous trouble and complete breakdown. It is believed that the sudden death of Thomas O'Connor, his secretary, recently, had a serious effect upon his condition.

CAPITOL

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CAPITOL COMEDIES "THE RAINSTORM" Felix, the Cartoon Comedy Kitty In "FELIX REVOLTS"

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COMING THURSDAY

"The Headless Horseman"

Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy

By WALLACE IRWIN

A NEW YEAR'S CARD

To Editor, Hon. Colonist, who adore
Hollydays because it is good time
to stay home & make Gin.

Arthur Kikahajama, Japanese under-
taker, frequently call at my Think-
ing Studio (kitchen) in a. m. of morn-
ing because, he say, whenever he see
me it make him love his work more
& more. Yesterday he arrive up pretty
early and ask to borrow my otto-
mobile mittens.

"Why you require such stylish?" I
ask to know.

"Because," he report, "on Dec. 31
I am going to ride in a very enlarged
funeral."

"Borrow," I negotiate. "Who are
you expecting to bury now?"

"1923," he statelick.

"Really?" I vampire. "I heard that
he was enjoying a good deal of life."
"What you think made him
sick?"

tere with my business. Yet I keep my
mind open like a garage. What you
see about 1924 that make you feel so
darny brile & optimistic?"

"Arthur Kikahajama," I peruse.
"do you not remember what Lord
Tinnyson, famous bookmaker, say
when he see a Laundry washing his
shirt so it will be pure for Jan. 17
he dictate. And this should make you
feel entirely hopeful."

"I are never hopeful about Laun-
dry," he grud. "Yet my brain still
remain open to your talk. What you
see about 1924 that will be a improve-
ment of 1923?"

"I see plenty." This from me. "For
instance, look at High Cost of Life."
"I cannot look up that far," Arthur
slip. "Because my neck are slightly
stiff."

"Yet it shall come downward per-
haps," I rove. "Congress, Lord Mel-
lons, Pres. Coolidge, and the Retail
Liquor Dealers Assn are all working
ruthlessly & toothlessly to fetch down

I stand aghast for that phenomenal.
"Just the same," I stick up. "I
are still glued to the idea that every
year are an improvement on the one
before." Open the doors of your head
Arthur Kikahajama, and listen how
the world progressed by leaps and
hops in 1923.

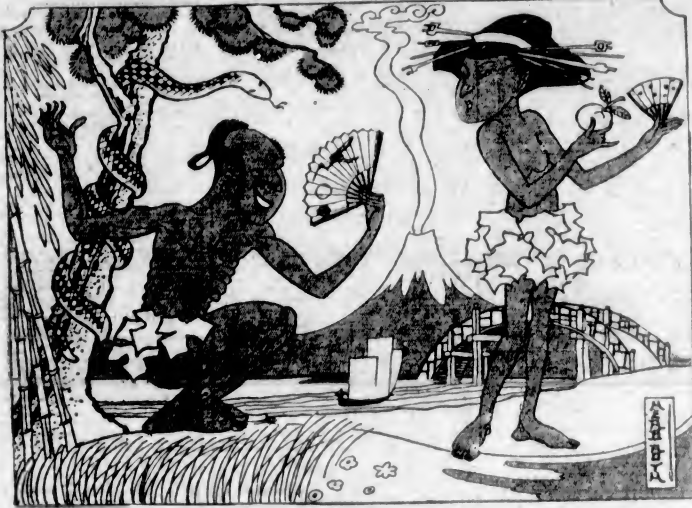
"While I are waiting to change a
tire on my new musical hearer," he
decree. "I shall listen to your statu-
tickle."

"Following are some," I manipulate,
and spoke them:

PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENTS
FOR 1923

SCIENCE—A Inventor living in Hotel
Aikongui, N. Y., have invented a
Wordless Poem. This can be manu-
factured by mixing salt with wooden
alcohol. No experience required.
Agents wanted.

GAS—A Navy have got a alarship
named Lackawanna (daughter of
the Tars) filled with helium which
expect to discover the N. Pole and
cannot escape. Dr. Cook, new rest-



"Yes" Report Mrs. Eve who was there, "And that are why this place are called Paradise."

"Too much income tax & too few
bannanias," he die. "He are now
going to a place where bannanias are
pleasur and nobody sings about it.
A place where there are no income tax
because there are no income. A place
where there are no lawbreakers be-
cause there are no laws."

"Goody!" I peruse. "Then we shall
have a New Yr to take his place. Have
anybody been elected for that job?"

"1924 are elected," decree Arthur
while putting craps on his high-top
hat.

"That will be happy year, maybe,"
I decompose.

"Writing Out the New"
"Anything for a change, as the
Snake Charmer said when she took off
her bow contriptor and put on a rat-
tlesnake." Arthur say this with voice.
"I are tired of hearing people saying
Happy New Yr. so much. It inter-

ing in fall, feel quite similar.
NATURE—Gentleman living in Frank
Knock Falls, Mont. have got a
Horse whose father was a Bull
Moose. Hiram Johnson will be its
name. It nominated.

GERMANY—She are still alive, in
aspirs of all we can do to help her.
DISTINGUISHED VISITOR—Hon.
Lloyd-geo, Hon. Papyrus and Prince
of Wales comes to America. Good
time enjoyed by all. Prince of
Wales made most immense hit be-
cause he go fishing and could not be
captured by Fond Lecture Bureau.

PRES. COOLIDGE—Since his incum-
berance of office he have made two
(2) speeches to the Press. One of
them was "Yes" and the other one
was "No." He expect to rest again
on his sickbed.

SPIRITUALISM—Scientific Amer-
ican have not yet found a medium
who can fetch them a Ghost, but
they have discovered a old lady
who can take off her shoes with her
hands tied while settling in the dark
and play a banjo with her bare toes.
If this do not deserve 19,999 prize,
what do?

KING TUT—He are now open for vis-
itors who are permitted to scratch
matches on his bed & treat him just
like any other King in this Safety
First for Democracy period.

LABOR—Hon. Saml. Gumpers have
passed a rule which make it impos-
sible for Bankers to join Bricklayers
Union for fear too much Wealth will
jump into the hands of the Few.

PROHIBITION—U. S. Govt. have ap-
propriated 28,000,000 so to hire
more Revenue Agts, thusly bring-
ing drunkenness within the reach
of all.

OLD AGE—Hon. Jno. D. Rockefeller
are still the oldest man in the world
for his age, but Hon. Chauncey M.
Depew are still much funnier than
him.

CRIME—Kidnapping, bank robbery,
shooting (trap & gun), divorcing,
sloping, spitting on sidewalk, birth
control, mobbing and freubugging
are growing so swollen in Great
Cities that Hon. Police Force cannot
give their Annual Benefit Ball
more than 2cc a week for fear of
spleen.

IMMORALITY—The Clergyman's
Union promise to shut up six (6)
theatres in N. Y. because of the
naked way they play. This are un-
fair to several other theatres which
are just as dull & only ask \$033 to
see it.

A lively New Year Promised
I say those statisticks to Arthur
Kikahajama, Japanese undertaker,
while he listen somewhat.

"Have you got reasons for believe
that 1924 will be better still than 1923
somewhat?" he require baffably.

"Undoubtedly," I negotiate. "Al-
ready I can hear signs of brightness
on every hand. For how can any yr.
be dull when 3 or 13 gentlemen are
equally striving to be next Pres. of
U. S.?"

"With so many candidates in the
field," say Arthur, "1924 should in-
deedly be a year of bright promise."
"Bright promise will commence in
January," I develop. "and swell up till
they burst at Ntl. Conventions in June
or July. Have we felt slightly wobble
in our hearts this year, fearing that
World were going to the damnable
chow-dogs? Not so from now on.
From every Democratic platform we
will soonly hear of the Great Pros-
perity about to hit us in the head.
From numerous Republican Clubs we
shall be told how golden rainbows
shall swoop down on every American
farm, howeverly mortgaged. People
have merely to stick their ballots in
the right box and get the country
moved from War or the League of Na-
tions, or whatever are the matter with
it."

"Think that, Arthur Kikahajama,
and go away smiling to your funeral.
1924 will be the Year of Hope with
every Candidate getting more and
more musical until November when
every man will be expected to do his
duty, sometimes twice. With such look
forward into the future can you dare
to feel sad & pressed in your soul?"

"With such lively prospects," he al-
& grone. "I can see no large prospects
any more in the undertaking busi-
ness."

Thusly speaking he depart off to
bury the remainders of R. Kato, Japa-
nese real estate, who were a dead

best when alive and are still a pretty
lively vegetable, by col-
Hoping you are the same
Yours truly
HASHIMURA TOGO.

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POST SAYS C.N.R. IS NATIONAL
SINK-HOLE

Canada Has Sunk Enough Money to
Build Another Transcontinental
Railroad

It comes as a shock to business men
to realize that since the war ended,
Canada has sunk over half a billion
dollars of money collected from the
taxpayers of the Dominion in the
railways, says The Financial Post. It
is fair to say "sunk," for the already
over-capitalized railway system of
the country can never be expected to
recoup the national treasury for the
advances made to cover operating
deficits and interest charges in these
past few years.

Accustomed to speaking in mil-
lions, the people of today find it hard
to realize what a billion dollars
means. It is a great deal more than
the entire debt of Canada at the out-
break of war. It is more than the
total annual revenue of Canada from
all sources by many millions. It
would pay the interest on our war
debt for four years and leave enough
over to build the Toronto viaduct, to
finish the Hudson's Bay Railway
and to build a hundred post offices.

It would build a transcontinental
railway across Canada—if we needed
another.

The most unsatisfactory feature of
these railway advances, as politicians
sophistically term them, is the
fact that they immediately add in-
terest burdens that eat up any sav-
ings effected in operation. In the
first nine months of the present year,
the Canadian National Railways im-
proved net earnings by around 36,
000,000. Yet \$4,000,000 will not do
much more than pay the interest on
the last year's losses, so that the line
has stepped little further toward be-
coming a self-supporting enterprise
than it was a year ago. And this
year, more interest bills will be paid
by the Dominion Government and
interest charges will begin to in-
cur additional interest charges
until the snowball rolling down hill
becomes an avalanche.

The only way in which the Cana-
dian National Railways will make
real progress will be to slash ex-
penditures and improve earnings in
such a way that the improvement in
earnings can overtake the yearly
additions to fixed charges. To the
ordinary business man the best way
to slash expenses seems to be an ad-
justment in wages. Railway workers
draw civil list salaries and do less
work than ever before. Canada
should make itself free from the
McAdoo octopus.

A lower payroll and an influx of
new citizens will help to prevent an-
other five hundred million dollars
sliding its way to the railway sink-
hole.

Scouts and Scouting

Contributed by the Victoria Boy
Scout Association

District Commissioner—G. H. Scar-
rett, 357 Meares Street.

Chairman of Executive—H. T.
Ravenhill, 23 Dallas Avenue.

Collegiate School—Scoutmaster, R.
E. Honour; Cubmaster, T. Emmerson;

Scouts and Cubs, Wednesday, 3:30.

Palmerston, 1224 Richardson Street—
Scoutmaster, C. R. Frampton; Scouts,
Thursday, 7:30; Cubs, Friday, 8:20.

Hillside, Centennial Church Annex—
Scoutmaster, A. MacArthur; Cub-
master, R. G. Babey; Scouts, Thurs-
day, 7:30; Cubs, Wednesday, 7.

James Hay, J. B. A. A., Belleville
Street—Scoutmaster, R. W. Hartley;
Scouts, Thursday, 7:30; Cubs, Tues-
day, 7:15.

Aldan's School—Scoutmaster, J.
S. MacIntyre; Scouts, Thursday, 2:30;
Cubs, Monday, 2:30.

St. John's Church—Cubmaster, S.
E. Sheldon-Williams; Friday, 7.

St. Mary's, 2381 Chaucer Street, Oak
Bay—Scoutmaster, L. S. Sykes; Cub-
master, D. Hilliard; Scouts, Thursday,
7:30; Cubs, Tuesday, 6:30, and Thurs-
day, 6.

St. Michael's School—Scoutmaster,
J. D. Southworth; Cubmaster, E.
Symone; Scouts, Tuesday, 3:30; Cubs,
Thursday, 3:45.

1243 Richardson Street—
Scoutmaster, R. A. Wootten; Friday,
7:30.

Victoria West, 631 Esquimalt Road
—Scoutmaster, A. MacArthur; Scouts
and Cubs, Friday, 7.

The Provincial secretary wishes to
take this means of thanking the
many scouts and troops in this dis-
trict and the Province generally for
their Christmas and New Year greet-
ing, and to wish them all good hunt-
ing in the New Year.

The enrolments for the Scoutmas-
ters' training course are coming in
very satisfactorily, and it has been
decided to keep the list open in order
to form an extra patrol for training.
Wednesday seems to be the most suit-
able evening for everybody, and the
course will probably start on Janu-
ary 9 or 16. Any men wishing to

take the course, which deals with the
elementary organization and training
of a Scout troop, should apply to Mr.
G. H. Scarrett, 357 Meares Street, at
once.

Will all scouts whose troops or
packs have done special Christmas
good turns, please report same to the
district commissioner before the next
executive meeting.

Although the camping season, for
most troops, will not commence be-
fore Easter, still it is desirable that
patrols should send in their entries
for the Okell camping trophy as soon
as possible. In this way they will be
sure of having all their nights in
camp counted; and should they be
tempted out by a fine week-end, will
avoid the disappointment of finding
that same cannot be scored, owing to
their not having previously entered
for the competition. This trophy,
presented by Major Okell, brought
very good results last year, and we
hope the number of patrols in the
forefront this year will be even
greater, and the competition quite as
keen as it was in 1922.

BUREAU REBUKES BRITISH GROUCH

OFFICIAL PRESS CONTRADICTS
RECENT ARTICLE

Actual Unemployment in Dominion
Set at Eight Thousand—Craving
for Town Life Blamed

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Canadian
Official Press Bureau has sent The
London Star a reply to the article,
recently appeared in The Star, under
the heading "Canada No Place for
Emigrants."

The reply states that actual unem-
ployment in the whole Dominion a
month ago, according to official fig-
ures, totalled a little more than
8,000. These unemployed were all
concentrated in the towns and, the
bureau says, the unemployment was
due, not to lack of work but to crav-
ing for the amenities of town life.
The reply further states that when
the Immigration Department, in Oc-
tober last, made an organized effort
to provide work for British harvest-
ers who wished to remain in the
Dominion, the number of openings
available exceeded the number of
men by more than 2,000. It is also
stated that out of 11,171 harvesters
only 871 returned to Great Britain.

Finally the bureau cautions The
Star in regard to the reliability of a
letter received in England. It says:
"Individuals nursing grievances, real
or imaginary, are apt to give too
ready credence to current gossip and
report it as fact," and that there are
parties in the Dominion who are in-
terested in opposing immigration.
The Star retorts that this does not
answer the statement of the Vancou-
ver newspaper which is quoted on
December 24.

On December 24 The London Star
published an article dealing with
labor conditions in Canada, basing its
views on a letter received from a
Vancouver reader, who enclosed a
clipping from a Vancouver paper on
December 3 stating that unemployed
were flocking to Vancouver. The let-
ter writer asked The Star to tell its
readers that "there is positively no
work for them in any Canadian city."

The Swedish constitution dates
from the revolution of 1809.

"A New Year's Resolution—
A daily pinch of Kruschen."



New Year—New Life

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one to which he owes his
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Join Grandpa this New
Year's. Buy a 75c bottle of
Kruschen Salts to-day—enough
for six months—and every
morning during 1924 drop into
your breakfast cup just enough
of the magic powder as will sit
comfortably on a 10 cent piece.
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and play.

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dose—it is tasteless in tea
or coffee—but it will make
you new again. Headaches,

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will be things of the past. Let
them belong to 1923 and the
years that have gone. Make
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and ears, and color to the
cheeks, renewing energy and
happiness, making Winter
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and start the New Year right.



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Welsh Workless Right In Refusing Shilling Jobs, Rules Ministry

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Ministry
of Labor has ruled that the unem-
ployed of Welshpool, Wales, were
justified recently in refusing relief
work offered by the town council for
thirty shillings a week, so it is pre-
sented that their unemployment doles
will be restored to them.

Indian Elections

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Returns from
the Indian elections are now suffi-
ciently complete to indicate the strength
of the Swaraj, or home rule party,
in the Assembly and in the Provincial
Councils. Results from 31 of the 365
districts show that the Swarajists ob-
tained 41 Assembly seats, while in the
Councils they will hold 203 of
the 437 seats. There are, however,
38 Independents who probably will
support the Swarajis on any "national"
question.

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